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School Committee Operational Goals

The Belmont School Committee is elected by the community to provide leadership and community member oversight of the Belmont Public Schools.

The School Committee is responsible to the people for whose benefit the Belmont Public Schools have been established. The Committee and each of its members must look to the future and to the needs of all people more than the average resident finds necessary.

As elected officials, members of the School Committee recognize their responsibility to listen to comments and suggestions from the residents of Belmont, as well as members of the school community who reside elsewhere. The School Committee's primary responsibility is to establish those purposes, programs, and procedures that will best produce the educational achievement needed by our students. The Committee is charged with accomplishing this while also being responsible for wise management of resources available to the school district. The Committee must fulfill these responsibilities by functioning primarily as a legislative body to formulate and adopt policy, by selecting an executive officer to implement policy, and by evaluating the results. It must carry out its functions openly, while seeking the comments of the public, students, and staff in its decision-making processes.

In accordance with these principles, the technique will involve:

1. Periodically setting performance objectives for the School Committee itself and evaluating their accomplishment.
2. Setting objectives for performance for each position and function in the system.
3. Allowing the people responsible for carrying out objectives to have a role in setting them.
4. Establishing practical goals.
5. Conducting a periodic review of performance against these goals.

References:

MGL 71: 37 Powers and Duties of School Committees