

Selected Differences Between Existing and Proposed By-laws

	Current By-laws	Proposed By-laws
Name	Alice Deal PTA	Alice Deal Community Association
Purpose	Based on broad National PTA policy and advocacy goals.	Selectively retains purpose of existing by-laws; purposes tied to PTA advocacy are deleted.
Policies Article	<p>Policies listed in existing by-laws are based on a presumably out-dated PTA template, and include (among other provisions):</p> <p>an out-dated non-discrimination provision;</p> <p>explicit limitation on political campaigning;</p> <p>dissolution and compensation provisions.</p>	<p>No policies article is included. A by-laws provision states that the board may adopt additional policies in Standing Rules.</p> <p>A non-discrimination policy is facilitated by the membership eligibility provision.</p> <p>Political campaigning is outside scope of purpose.</p> <p>Dissolution and compensation provisions are addressed in other articles.</p>
Membership	Membership and voting rights are determined by payment of dues set by the board.	Parents, guardians and teachers are eligible for membership and voting rights; the option of charging dues remains available under the by-laws, but is not required. (If dues are charged, eligible members who have paid dues have voting rights.)
Meetings	<p>Requires two general meetings, quorum of members present.</p> <p>Requires board to meet 6 times/year with notice 7/50.</p>	<p>Requires two general meetings and a quorum of 10 members.</p> <p>Requires the board to meet 4 times per year, on the same day and at the same time, to the extent practicable.</p>
Notice	Compliance with various notice provisions for meetings (7/50) would not necessarily satisfy D.C. non-profit law (10/60).	The notice provision included requires at least 10 days notice and no more than 60 days notice.
Officers and Elections	<p>Officers include:</p> <p>President</p> <p>First Vice President</p> <p>Second Vice President</p>	The existing provision is largely retained, except that the office of President was limited to two individuals, and the office of First Vice President was limited to

	<p>Secretary, Treasurer Any offices may be shared by more than one individual.</p> <p>Principal serves <i>ex officio</i> as an officer.</p>	<p>one individual. This limitation was made to provide for a functional leadership structure and clear succession rules in the event the office of President vacates prior to the end of term.</p> <p>Principal serves <i>ex officio</i> as a board member, and may serve on any committee.</p>
Executive Board	Board members include the officers, chairpersons of standing committees, newsletter editor, principal, one or two teachers selected by the teachers, and a community representative.	Board members include the officers, chairs of standing committees, the principal, and one or two teachers selected by the teachers.
Committees	The by-laws anticipate a nominating committee.	The proposed by-laws anticipate a nominating committee and an audit committee. Other standing committees may also be created.
Finances	<p>Treasurer disburses funds as authorized.</p> <p>Two authorized signatories (President, Treasurer).</p>	<p>Board approves all expenses.</p> <p>Three authorized signatories (President, Treasurer, First VP).</p>
Conflicts of Interest	Various provisions addressed selected matters on a limited basis.	Detailed and explicit conflict of interest policy based on PTO template.