

Being an Effective SAC Chair

- I. Establish a relationship of mutual respect
 - a. Schedule a time with principals to get to know each other and express desires
 - b. Understand the difficult job of an educator
 - c. Respect the professional training of educators
 - d. Focus on school improvement plan and avoid “hot topics”
 - e. Don’t surprise the committee with issues
 - f. Show a desire to understand the school and be involved

- II. Agenda setting
 - a. Create agenda through collaboration with principal
 - b. Limit agenda to a reasonable scope
 - c. How much time is required to be effective?
 - d. Engage in analytical and evaluative conversations and not just info. gathering
 - e. Expect and push to be a consultant when necessary

- III. Increase Participation and Understanding
 - a. Help recruit members for the committee
 - b. Establish communication methods to keep parents informed and interested