

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF
COUNCIL OF DARIEN SCHOOL PARENTS

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Co-Chairpersons of the Council of Darien School Parents, do hereby declare that the following are the Articles of Association of the association:

First. The name of the association is the Council of Darien School Parents (the "association")

Second. The association is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes permitted to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States (the "Code"), as more specifically set forth in the by-laws of the association.

Third. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its charitable and educational purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles to the contrary, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Fourth. Upon the dissolution of the association, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of Fairfield County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed this instrument on behalf of the Council of Darien School Parents on the 4 day of Sept, 1997.

By: Susan Young
Co-Chairperson

By: Anna Rickards
Co-Chairperson

BY-LAWS OF THE COUNCIL OF DARIEN SCHOOL PARENTS
(1997 REVISION)

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Council of Darien School Parents.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The Council is the umbrella organization for the Parent -Teacher Organizations of the Darien Public Schools. Its purpose is to promote understanding and communication among parents, schools, administration and Board of Education by the exchange of ideas and consideration of matters of mutual interest.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

All parents and guardians of Darien Public School students are non-voting members of the Council.

ARTICLE IV

THE BOARD OF THE COUNCIL OF DARIEN SCHOOL PARENTS

The members of the Board shall be the Executive Board, school representatives, elected and appointed committee chairmen and liaisons.

Section 1. Executive Board

A. Composition

The members of the Executive Board shall be the officers of the Council and the Chairmen of the Parent-Teacher Organizations.

B. Officers

The officers of the Council shall be the Co-Chairmen, the Co-Vice-Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer.

1. Co-Chairmen

The Co-Chairmen shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Board. The Co-Chairmen shall act as ex-officio members of all committees. The Chairmen shall submit an annual report to the membership. In furthering the purposes of the Council, the Co-Chairs may invite non-members to observe or participate in Council or Executive Board meetings.

2. Co-Vice-Chairmen

The Co-Vice-Chairmen shall be Chairmen of the Program Committee. The Vice-Chairmen shall assist the Chairmen and, in the event of the absence of the Chairmen, perform all the duties of that office. The Vice-Chairmen shall be ex-officio members of all committees and serve as liaisons between the schools and the administration.

3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Board, distribute minutes of Council meetings to the Board and notify representatives of the Council meetings. The Secretary shall handle any correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as may be incident to the office.

4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall transact all financial business of the Council and present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and shall submit an annual report. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget and submit it for approval at the September Council meeting. The Treasurer shall collect all data from the schools' PTO's related to the filing of yearly tax returns.

C. Duties

The Executive Board shall present reports at the regular meeting of the Council, review the progress of the committees, meet, if necessary, to transact business in the intervals between the Council's regular meetings and shall be responsible for maintaining communication with the Board of Education, the school administration, the teachers' association and the parent Groups.

D. Meetings

The Co-Chairmen may call meetings of the Executive Board when it is deemed necessary. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Executive Board. The Executive Board may invite non-members to attend its meetings for liaison purposes. The Executive Board must report all business transacted at the next Council meeting.

SECTION 2. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Each school parent-Teacher Organization shall designate one representative to the Budget Committee.

