

MONSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COUNSELING ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNSELING ADVISORY COUNCIL?

"A School Counseling Advisory Council is a representative group of stakeholders selected to review and advise on the implementation/ongoing programming of the school counseling program. The Council meets at least twice a year and maintains an agenda and minutes for each meeting." pg. 47 ASCA National Model, 3rd Ed

BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL COUNSELING ADVISORY COUNCIL

A School Counseling Advisory Council provides:

- ◆ Programs that benefit students
- ◆ Results and data that support the school counseling program
- ◆ Enthusiastic, supportive group of stakeholders
- ◆ Positive public relations
- ◆ A focus on school counseling
- ◆ An opportunity to conduct programs that otherwise may not likely happen
- ◆ Consistency and coordinated programs
- ◆ A sounding board to discuss ideas and gain feedback

FOR MORE INFO

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WHEN

The Council meets quarterly in September, November, January and March from 3:45-5:15 pm and rotates among the schools, town offices or local businesses.

WHO IS ON AN ADVISORY COUNCIL?

Advisory Councils typically consist of representatives from the following constituencies/organizations:

- ◆ School Counselors
- ◆ Students (at middle and high schools)
- ◆ Parents/guardians
- ◆ Teachers/school staff
- ◆ Administrators
- ◆ School board members
- ◆ Higher education representative
- ◆ Community mental health agencies
- ◆ Community based organization
- ◆ Government official
- ◆ Law enforcement/resource officer
- ◆ Business community
- ◆ School-to-Career partnership
- ◆ Juvenile probation
- ◆ Department of Children & Families
- ◆ Medical or health care

BELIEFS ABOUT ADVISORY COUNCILS

- ◆ Stakeholders are essential to school success
- ◆ Communication is critical to ensure student achievement
- ◆ Advisory councils provide much needed support and public relations for the school counseling program
- ◆ Few if any other such groups function in most schools/school districts
- ◆ While advisory councils require time and effort, the long term benefits are considerable