**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

**OF**

**ABC Parent Teacher Organization**

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Article I

Purpose; Policy; and Conflict of Interest

1. Purpose.

 The purpose of this Conflict of Interest Policy is to protect the interests of ABC Parent Teacher Organization (the “Organization”) when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization. This policy is intended to supplement, but not replace, any applicable federal or state laws governing conflicts of interest applicable to nonprofit or all types of organizations.

2. Policy.

 The officers and directors of the Organization occupy a special position of trust and responsibility for its governance. Each officer and director is expected to discharge his or her duties in good faith, with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, and in a manner that the officer or director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Organization. Each officer and director is expected to be loyal to the interests of the Organization and to avoid improper personal gain from his or her position as an officer or director. It is the policy of the Organization that it will not engage in a transaction or maintain a relationship with an officer or director or a related person of an officer or director unless the transaction or relationship is on terms which are entirely fair to the Organization.

3. Conflict of Interest.

 A conflict of interest exists when an officer or director of the Organization has a Financial Interest that might influence such person’s judgment in discharging his or her duties to the Organization as an officer or director of the Organization. As discussed below, a Financial Interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest.

Article II

Definitions

1. Interested Person.

 Any officer or director with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect Financial Interest, as defined below, is an Interested Person.

2. Financial Interest.

 A person has a Financial Interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, including through business, investment or family:

1. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
2. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
3. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization currently has or is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

 Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are more than nominal in nature.

 A Financial Interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2 hereof, a person who has a Financial Interest may have a conflict of interest only if the Interested Person or the Board of Directors of the Organization determines, based upon a review of all of the relevant facts, that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III

Financial Interest Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose.

 In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an Interested Person must disclose the existence of his or her Financial Interest and must be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Organization’s directors considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

If an Interested Person believes that he or she has a conflict of interest, such person shall recuse himself or herself from all further discussions with respect to the matter giving rise to the conflict of interest and shall not vote on any matters with respect thereto. If an Interested Person is uncertain as to whether he or she has a conflict of interest, he or she shall seek a determination by the Board of Directors as to whether a conflict of interest exists. Such Interested Person shall be bound by a decision of the Board of Directors with respect to the existence of a conflict of interest.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists.

 After disclosure of the Financial Interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the Interested Person, the Interested Person shall leave the Board of Directors meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining members of the Board of Directors shall decide if a conflict of interest exists

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest.

1. An Interested Person may make a presentation at the Board of Directors meeting, but after such presentation, he or she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement that gives rise to the conflict of interest.
2. The remaining directors shall, if they, in their sole discretion determine appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
3. After exercising due diligence, the Board of Directors or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain a more advantageous transaction or arrangement with reasonable efforts from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
4. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably attainable under circumstances that would not give rise to a conflict of interest, the Board of Directors shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization’s best interest and for its own benefit and whether the transaction is fair and reasonable to the Organization and shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement in conformity with such determination.

4. Violations of the Conflict of Interest Policy Regarding Financial Interests.

1. If the Board of Directors has reasonable cause to believe that an officer or director has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall inform the person of the basis for such belief and afford the person an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
2. If, after hearing the response of the officer or director and making such further investigation as may be warranted in the circumstances, the Board of Directors determines that the person has in fact failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action, which may include recommending terminating such person’s capacity with the Organization.

Article IV

Records of Proceedings

 The minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors shall contain:

1. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a Financial Interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the Financial Interest, a description of any action taken and any data relied upon to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the Board of Directors’ decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

2. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection therewith.

Article V

Compensation

 A voting member of the Board of Directors who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that person’s compensation.

Article VI

Annual Statements

 Each officer and director of the Organization shall annually sign a statement which affirms that such person:

1. Has received a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy and Bylaws of the Organization;
2. Has read and understands the policy and the Bylaws;
3. Has agreed to comply with the policy; and
4. Understands that the Organization is a tax-exempt organization and that in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY STATEMENT**

**ABC PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

 I have received a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy (the “Policy”) and the Bylaws of **ABC Parent Teacher Organization** (the “Organization”).

 I have read and I understand the Policy and the Bylaws. I understand that the Organization is a tax-exempt organization and that in order to maintain its federal tax exemption, it must engage primarily in activities which further its tax-exempt purposes.

 I agree to comply with the Policy and to report promptly to the President of the Organization, the Secretary of the Organization or their designee any direct or indirect Financial Interest (as such term is defined in the Policy) and/or any situation or transaction that I am involved in or aware of that may constitute an actual or possible conflict of interest.

 I have a Financial Interest in, or am a board member, director, officer or employee of, the following organizations:

 Organization Position or Relationship with the Organization

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