

## **Hawthorn Academy LAND Trust Council Membership & Election Procedures**

Hawthorn Academy (the “School”) has established a Charter LAND Trust Council (the “LAND Council”) to prepare a plan for the use of School LAND Trust Program money in accordance with state law.

1. **LAND Council Size & Composition.** The LAND Council shall consist of no fewer than five (5) and no more than thirteen (13) members. The LAND Council shall determine the size of its membership by a majority vote. The number of LAND Council members who are parents or grandparents of students enrolled at the School *shall* exceed all other members combined by at least two.
  - a. If the School’s governing board meets the size and composition requirements above, the governing board will serve as the LAND Council.
  
2. **Election Procedures.** If the School’s governing board does not serve as the LAND Council, membership shall consist of the required number of parents or grandparents of students, the School’s director, and may also include other School employees.
  - a. The School will notify parents/guardians about the LAND Council and provide information on becoming a member of the School’s LAND Council.
  
  - b. If the number of interested individuals exceeds the number of open positions, an election will take place. Families will be notified of the election process at least ten (10) days before voting commences, and each family will be given the opportunity to vote. Voting will be anonymous. The School’s director will oversee the elections.
  
  - c. If the number of interested individuals is less than or equal to the number of open positions, an election is not required.
  
  - d. Terms shall be for a period of one (1) year, and members are eligible for re-election.