

EaglePAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

What is EaglePAC?

The Parent Advisory Council is made up of HCA stakeholders. Stakeholders include (referred to by ACSI or the Highland Christian Academy community) current and former HCA parents, grandparents, teachers, and staff.

Vision

EaglePAC partners with the school board, administration, faculty, & staff. We were formed to link the community, administration, and school board to further the mission of Highland Christian Academy. Our vision is to support in the accomplishment of the mission and values of Highland Christian Academy within the governance framework.

Mission

The Parent Advisory Council of Highland Christian Academy, as members of the body of Christ, and as leaders within our homes, seek opportunities to positively advance the essential partnership between parents and the Highland Christian School Board, administration, faculty and staff. EaglePAC offers our skills and talents, insight, and feedback while seeking mutual accountability in the education of our children and young adults.

Core Values

The Parent Advisory Council of Highland Christian Academy will be guided by the following core values which find their basis in scripture and in the life of Christ.

- **Servant Leadership-** Jesus' entire life demonstrated service leadership, and He calls all believers to follow His example in whatever sphere of influence they find themselves. As such, the EaglePAC seeks to put this into practice in all its relationships in, around, and involving Highland Christian Academy.
 - Supporting Scriptures: John 13:1-17, Philippians 2:5-10
- **Unity-** As the triune Godhead is in perfect unity, the Church, in fully focusing on Jesus Christ alone, is to be typified by this unity. In obedience to this, EaglePAC desires to support and partner with the Highland Christian School Board, faculty, staff, and administration in the accomplishment of the mission, vision, and values of Highland Christian Academy, to the glory of God alone.
 - Supporting Scriptures: John 17:1-26, Ephesians 4:1-16
- **Integrity-** is commonly defined as "who you are when no one is looking". Integrity is the natural outcome of honesty, transparency, and excellence. As Jesus is our model in this, EaglePAC will operate in truthfulness and openness in all that it does.
 - Supporting Scriptures: James 1:19-25, John 5:19-24
- **Agape love-** The highest form of love, and it is an attribute of God. Jesus said that His followers would be known by their demonstration of it, and Paul indicates that it is a gift of the Holy Spirit available to all believers. EaglePAC will seek to keep this focus in all that it does in partnership with the school board and the faculty, staff, and administration of Highland Christian Academy.

- Supporting Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-21, John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
- Humility- The beauty of humility comes through submission and it is the natural outcome of a life that is submitted to the lordship of Christ. Christ Himself is also our model in this as He submitted to the Father while He was on earth. In our human relationships we are called to submit to one another. EaglePAC will endeavor to demonstrate humility in all its interactions, activities, and relationships.
- Supporting Scriptures: John 6:35-40, Ephesians 5:21, Philippians 2:5-10

Framework

Leadership & Representation

The Parent Advisory Council of Highland Christian Academy will be led and represented by a leadership team consisting of three parents representing elementary, middle, and high school. The Development Director and one staff member, and will adhere to the following:

1. Term of service is a minimum of one (1) academic-year with a maximum service of four (4) academic-years.
2. The Development Coordinator will be the chair.
3. Following the departure of a leadership team member(s) the remaining team members will select potential candidates, interview them, vote and move the unanimous recommendation to the school board for approval.
4. All leaders of EaglePAC must sign the Highland Christian Academy Statement of Faith and Declaration (See Appendix A).

Participants

The Parent Advisory Council will mobilize and enlist the help, assistance, and feedback of the network of families that attend Highland Christian Academy. The Parent Advisory Council will engage all who are considered stakeholders of Highland Christian Academy by virtue of their investment of their time and/or their resources, in addition to their investment of their children and young adults. Stakeholders may include not only the parents and families of Highland Christian Academy students, but also the staff, and administration.

Purpose

1. Encourage fellowship, mutual support, and cooperation among the school board, faculty, staff, administration as well as parents and families.
2. Support communication among parents, administration, and the school board.
3. Prioritize support for fundraisers and HCA events.
4. Prioritize the growth of volunteer support in the classrooms, at events, and through sharing God given skills, talents, and gifts with the school community
5. Pray for both the HCA Board in their spiritual oversight role and the leadership of all the churches in the greater Valdosta area represented by HCA families, as well as the school board, faculty, staff, administration, and families of Highland Christian Academy.

Goals and Objectives

1. Pursue effective involvement of all parents and families in supporting and partnering with the school board, faculty, staff and administration.
2. Involve parents and families in an organized and timely manner in meeting the multi-various needs of the school and school community.

3. Recruit parents and families to meet these multi-various needs.
4. Provide clear information and communication to the school board and the parents and families when questions, concerns, or ideas arise.

Activities

- EaglePAC Stakeholders Meetings: The Parent Advisory Council will meet monthly as discussed above.
- Send a monthly report to the school board meeting: EaglePAC will need Highland Christian School Board approval.
- Quarterly school board meetings: The EaglePAC Leadership Team chair may meet quarterly with the school board or with representatives of the school board to maintain dialogue and communication.