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Statement to Community about the Process used for Round Rock ISD Trustee Candidate Forums

As we begin our much awaited Candidate Forums this week, we wanted our community to know the process that we have followed for these forums.

Our Advocacy Committee has representation from all learning communities in RRISD, and is as diverse as our district. All Council PTA Board Members and Advocacy Committee Members sign and abide by the [Texas PTA Confidentiality, Ethics and Conflict of Interest Agreement](#) per our Bylaws.

During the process, we have consulted Texas PTA Leadership making sure we are providing these forums for our community in the most non-partisan, impartial way. Texas PTA Leadership has reviewed and approved this process.

- A Survey was sent to the community asking for input on possible candidate questions (including a record of 'category of question' and learning community). About 180 questions were received across every learning community.
- Survey responses were then categorized by topic, and split amongst our committee members to synthesize into a smaller set. Their directive was to be sensitive to frequency of similar questions and source across all learning communities. Questions had to be for ALL candidates, fair and balanced.
- The committee then analyzed and discussed every proposed question, editing as necessary to allow for open-ended responses and to merge questions where applicable. At the end of that meeting, the total 40 questions were made secure from the committee.
- The Advocacy Chair and Council President used metrics from the frequency of questions received from the survey to determine how many questions of each topic will be asked across the Forums and divided the questions accordingly into 4 balanced groups.
- Right before each forum, a question set will be chosen at random for that forum.
- After all four forums, the candidates will have the opportunity to elaborate on their positions on all 40 questions in writing, which will be provided to the community on our web page and social media.

As a reminder, Council PTA hosts these forums as a community service to inform our community about the candidates that are offering their volunteer service for the Trustee positions.

The RRISD Trustee Candidate Forums:

- Place 1: Tuesday October 6th at 6 pm
- Place 2: Tuesday October 6th at 7pm
- Place 7: Wednesday, October 7th at 6 pm
- Place 6: Wednesday, October 7th at 7 pm

All Places are at-large and Live Streamed at facebook.com/rrisdpta.

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