

What is Site Council?



Site Council is a group of administrators, staff, and parents that identify ways to support the school community. By providing leadership, direction and support, we define school priorities and implement ways to improve them. At its core, Site Council is about tailoring the Marysville experience to the specific needs of our students and our community.

What does Site Council Do?

We review data, trends, and the things we hear from our community to ensure we design and implement programs that best serve the needs of our students and community.

We're actually mandated by the state to:

1. Develop plans to improve the professional growth of the schools staff;
2. Improve the schools instructional program;
3. Develop and coordinate plans for the implementation of programs under this chapter at the school; and
4. Administer grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified district employees.

That means we have a say in choosing the methods and programs we use to teach the students. We're able to determine the types of programs we offer the school community. And, we're able to direct the ways and manner of our staff's professional development.

Site Council meets for one hour five times throughout the year, generally during the fourth week of the month beginning in October.

1. "There shall be established at each school a 21st Century Schools Council." [These are commonly called Site Councils.] "The duties...shall include but not be limited to:

1. The development of plans to improve the professional growth of the school's staff;
2. The improvement of the school's instructional program;
3. The development and coordination of plans for the implementation of programs under this chapter at the school;
4. The administration of grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified district employees..."

2. A Site Council "shall be composed of teachers, parents, classified employees and principal or the principal's designee, as follows:

1. Not more than half the members shall be teachers;
2. Not more than half the members shall be parents;
3. At least one member shall be a classified employee; and
4. One member shall be the principal or the principal's designee."

3. In addition other members may be "...including but not limited to local school committee members, business leaders, students and members of the community at large."

4. Members of a site council "shall be selected as follows:

1. Teachers shall be licensed teachers elected by licensed teachers at the school site;
2. Classified employees shall be elected by classified employees at the school site;
3. Parents shall be selected by parents of students attending the school;

4. Other representatives shall be selected by the council."

Continuous School Improvement Plan (SCIP)

To fulfill the mandate of the state legislature, the Site Council has developed and will approve a Continuous School Improvement Plan (SCIP).

The Plan will:

- delineate both long- and short-term school improvement objectives;
- include specific actions, specific personnel, and measurable outcomes.

The Site Council will:

solicit input regarding the SCIP from staff, parents, administration, students, and community members;

closely monitor progress toward attainment of the objectives during the school year;
review and revise as necessary the SCIP each spring for the following school year.

There shall be established at each school a 21st Century School Council. The 21st Century Schools Council, however, shall not interfere with the duties, responsibilities, and rights of duty elected school district boards.

The primary purpose of school councils is to improve student learning at the school site.

- The development of plans to improve the professional growth of the school staff;
- The improvement of the school's instructional program;
- The development and coordination of plans for the implementation of programs under this chapter with o

21st Century;

e) Develop plans to reach student performance goals utilizing current educational research, professional

- Teachers shall be licensed teachers elected by licensed teachers at the school site;
- Classified employees shall be elected in a direct vote by classified employees at the school site;
- Adult family members shall be elected by adult family members of students attending the school; and
- The method of selecting student representatives will be determined by the council
- Other representatives shall be selected by the council.

All 21st century schools council meetings shall be subject to the open meetings law pursuant to ORS 192.610 to 192.690.