

Sisters School District 6

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21st Century Schools Councils

Duties of the Site Council

1. Utilize shared decision making by collaborating with others.

Formal and informal opportunities should be provided for all the stakeholders (staff, classified and certified, Board, parents, students and community) to participate in decision making at the school site. The specific involvement process(s) is to be determined by the 21st Century School Council based upon the magnitude and impact of the decision.

2. Develop positions and recommendations consistent with research, and district/building mission and goals.

21st Century School Councils should research and gather data for validation of proposed changes as well as show how they support the vision and goals of the district/building.

3. Gain Board awareness, acceptance and ultimate approval.

21st Century School Councils should bring new ideas in their conceptual state to the school board in order for them to be knowledgeable to provide the needed support. By making the Board aware of proposals being discussed, the 21st Century School Council can ascertain early on whether they will be supported once the specific plans have been developed. The key is communication both in the form of verbal reports at Board meetings and provision of complete minutes to the board of every School Council meeting.

4. Consider effects of decisions on the other school site and/or district operations.

Decision making does not occur in a vacuum nor do school sites operate as autonomous units. Therefore, it is important that each school council explore the potential impact of its discussions and decisions on the other site and the district as a whole.

Constraints

21st Century School Councils shall not have the authority to override:

1. Administrative rules and regulations or board policies without the approval of the Board;
2. Budgetary provisions without the approval of the superintendent and/or Board state minimum standards or administrative rule without the formal approval of the board before submittal to the State Department of Education.

3. Federal laws or regulations relating to grants-in-aid.
4. Contractual provisions without the approval of the association(s) and the Board.

Resources Available

Each 21st Century School Council will be allocated funds from the annual district budget as determined through the budget process. These funds may be used at the council's discretion with proper accounting provided to the superintendent and Board. In addition, time will be allotted sufficient to meet school council responsibilities. The amount of time is to be determined by the magnitude and impact of the task at hand.

Public Meetings Law

21st Century Schools Councils, the duties of which include advising the Board or making decisions on behalf of the Board, shall follow the notice, meeting and record-keeping requirements of the Public Meetings Law.