

What is the Community Council?

The School Community Council is made up of elected parent and employee representatives who work together with the Principal to increase student achievement. The Council analyzes school data, identifies school needs, sets goals, and develops plans for school improvement. Councils also allocate the LAND Trust funds to assist the school in reaching achievement goals (see below for an explanation of School LAND Trust funds).

At Howard R. Driggs, our Council currently consists of the Principal, two teacher representatives, and five parent representatives. Parent representatives are to represent the diverse and unique perspectives and expertise of the parents and guardians in our school community. The term for parent representatives is two years and elections are held at the beginning of the school year.

Council meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. We meet each month and the schedule and agenda are posted on the school website. Currently, meetings are scheduled the last Wednesday of each month at 7:45 a.m. in the library, except for December. Check the website for updates and changes.

If you would like to discuss an area of school achievement or improvement, please contact a representative of the Community Council in advance so that the item may be included on the agenda. Council members are happy to answer questions at any time. Public input at the meetings is welcome as well, as time permits. Appropriate topics would include how School LAND Trust funds are budgeted and spent, the School Student Achievement Plan, the School Neighborhood Access Plan, the school anti-bullying action plan, local and community issues, and other issues affecting student achievement.

If you would like to discuss employee issues (including discussion regarding a specific teacher or classroom), please contact the Principal directly. The Council does not address employee issues.

What are School LAND Trust funds? State lands are held in legal trust for our schools and are managed by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. By law, those lands must be used to general money for our schools. The money from the lands is put into a permanent savings account, which is invested, never spent. Each year, the interest earned from the fund is given to all public schools. The Council allocates the money given to Driggs through an annual budget. More information can be found at <http://www.schoollandtrust.org/>