Creating Inclusive School Community Councils

Parent participation on school community councils is important. Councils prepare, adopt, and implement education plans at their school. A majority of Utah parents are still unaware and unengaged, and many school community councils are not reflective of the diverse communities they represent. Building equitable representation from within the councils will give our state a greater community asset.

Why Participate

- Improved student success and wellbeing for ALL students
- Engaged parent representation in decision making will allow for greater equity
- A diverse pool of parent viewpoints helps bridge cultural gaps

How

Successful parent involvement on school community councils happens when:

- Parents understand how they can influence school and student improvement. They understand why their involvement is important. Many parents may have heard of and even participated in council elections, but parents need to know why the school community council should be a priority for how they spend their volunteer time.

- Parents feel empowered. Their opinions and skills are valued and will have an impact on student success. The perspective of each member is recognized as unique and all perspectives are encouraged and respected. Mentoring will help familiarize parents with the Utah educational system.

- Expectations are clear and happen logistically so all parents have the opportunity to participate. Training is provided for all. Councils may need to pay attention to the time of the meetings, cultural nuances, language barriers, childcare, etc.

- Investing in parents allows them to see results from their involvement. They choose to continue being involved, and encourage others to participate. Parents now become advocates, mentors and community assets for increased parental involvement.

Prepared by the Task Force on Parent Involvement with School Community Councils 2013-14
School Community Councils are elected parent/guardian and employee representatives who work together with the principal to increase student achievement. By law, the council is responsible to review school data and develop plans for school improvement. Councils also allocate the LAND Trust funds to assist the school in reaching achievement goals. Please see the Granite District web page for more information regarding the roles and responsibilities of community councils (www.graniteschools.org)

Parents elect parent representatives and employees elect employees for two-year terms. To be eligible, a parent must have a student enrolled in the school for at least one of the years and may not be employed by the school. We invite you to become involved in your school’s Community Council by declaring your candidacy. Please return the bottom portion of this form to your school’s principal no later than 4 p.m., 10/9/14. Elections will be held on 10/10/14 from 4-6pm.

Date: ________________

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Declaration of Candidacy

I want to be a candidate for the school community council

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: ________________________________

Phone: _______________________________ Email:___________________________

I am the parent/guardian of: ____________________________________________

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First/Last Name Grade

First/Last Name Grade

First/Last Name Grade

The Granite School District Board of Education encourages schools to share information to their patrons about each candidate. Please write a few sentences about your background and reasons for running for Community Council.

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Signature

Date
Los Consejos Comunitarios Escolares son padres/tutores y empleados representantes elegidos para trabajar junto con el Director para incrementar los logros estudiantiles. Por ley, el Consejo es responsable de revisar la información de la escuela y desarrollar planes de mejoramiento escolar. Además el consejo asigna los fondos de LAND Trust para ayudar a las escuelas a alcanzar sus logros. Por favor vea la página de internet del Distrito Escolar de Granite para más información respecto al papel y responsabilidades del Consejo Comunitario (www.graniteschools.org)

Los padres eligen a representantes de entre los padres y empleados eligen a empleados por un periodo de 2 años. Para ser elegible, un padre debe tener un estudiante registrado en la escuela por lo menos en uno de los años y no puede ser empleado por la escuela. Lo invitamos a involucrarse en el consejo comunitario de su escuela declarando su candidatura. Por favor regrese la parte de debajo de este formulario al Director de su escuela antes de las 4 pm, 10/9/14. Las elecciones se llevarán a cabo el 10/10/14 a partir de 4-6 pm.

Fecha: ______________________

Declaración de Candidatura

ME GUSTARIA SER CANDIDATO PARA EL CONSEJO COMUNITARIO ESCOLAR

Nombre del Padre/Tutor: __________________________________________________________

Teléfono: ____________   Correo Electrónico: __________________________________________

Soy padre/tutor de: ________________________________________________________________

Nombre/Apellido              Grado

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La Mesa Educativa del Distrito Escolar de Granite anima a las escuelas a compartir información con sus colaboradores sobre cada uno de los candidatos. Por favor escriba algunas palabras sobre su experiencia y razones para postularse al Consejo Comunitario.

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