School Site Council Meeting

Agenda 9/20/22

What is a School Site Council?

How can families be engaged?

Who would like to volunteer to serve?

DESE link to Q & A <https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/advisory/schoolcouncils/>

Member 50% school and non-school members

Ideal would like to have 4 -5 families regular participate along with a teacher, paraprofessional, school leaders.

**How are members to be selected?**

The law provides local leeway in the election process. It does, however, affirm the principle of peer selection:

* Parent members are to be selected by the parents of students attending the school, in elections held by the local recognized parent-teacher organization.
* Teacher members are to be selected by the teachers in the school.
* The process needs to be fair, open and without the influence of the school committee, superintendent, or principal.

By extension, the spirit of the legislation and the experience of good practice suggest that student council elections or other representative processes be used to select the student member.

Non-school members may be recruited by principals directly or selected by the organizations that are invited to send representatives to the council.

**What is the definition of a "parent-teacher organization?"**

There are often several parent groups working in or with schools. Such groups may advise a particular program area, plan and implement special events, or function as subcommittees of larger groups. The parent-teacher organization that would be responsible for holding elections for parent representatives to the school council is that parent organization which is most representative of the entire parent constituency. The electing organization need to be open to all parents of all children in the school.

* Review the QIP
* Discuss focus on three cycles of inquiry for continuous improvement
  + Focus on language and literacy curriculum and using data to inform instruction
  + Focus on building a positive school climate for families, children and staff through opportunities to share “Joy”.
* Some potential feedback may include review of survey and data to inform continuous improvement.

Questions for families attending?

What one word to describe your experience thus far at the Cardinal?

What do you wonder about or wish you knew more about?

What is one wish you have for you and your child this school year?

What suggestion do have us to improve your experience here?

Future meeting dates and best format for meeting

Next steps

Adjourn