

## Oregon Site Council At A Glance

There shall be established at each school a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Council. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Council, however, shall not interfere with the duties, responsibilities and rights of duly elected school district boards. The primary purpose of school councils is to improve student learning at the school site.

### **The duties of the Council:**

- 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 at the school
- The administration of grant-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified district employees

### **A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Council shall be composed of:**

- Not more than half of the members shall be teachers
- Not more than half of the members shall be parents of students attending the school
- At least one member shall be a classified employee
- One member shall be the principal of the building or the principal's designee

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

*If a school district board determines that a school site is unable to fulfill the requirements of this section, or if the needs of a school site require a different composition, the school district board shall establish the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Council in a manner that best meets the educational needs of the district.*

### **Members of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Council shall be selected as follows:**

- Teachers shall be licensed teachers elected by licensed teachers at the school site
- Classified employees at the school shall elect classified employees
- Parents of students attending the school shall select parents
- The Council shall select other representatives

**All 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Council meetings shall be subject to the open meeting law pursuant to ORS 192.610 to 192.690.**

**Prior to considering changes in Site Council composition, the following should be considered by school administrators, site council members and school board members:**

What will be the impact on the school year and the education program in the building? Perhaps a phased-in change of composition is more educationally prudent if it means avoiding the disruption of educational improvement and school environment.

Should the school council be changed at all:

- A council that is operating successfully may be a good reason to leave the compositions alone, especially if student learning is improving.
- A Council that has invested several years and promises to be successful during the next school year may also be a good educational reason to leave "as is".

**A school district may establish a district site committee to assist in the administration of grants or in the district-wide coordination of programs.**