

South Wasco County School District 1

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21st Century Schools Councils

The district shall establish a 21st Century Schools Council that deals with pre K-12, on a timeline established by the superintendent, according to the following:

Operating Philosophy

All positions and recommendations developed by the 21st Century Schools Council shall be consistent with effective schooling tenets, the district mission statement, philosophy and Board adopted goals.

Membership

The council shall consist of employees and such other individuals as provided by statute and as determined by the district.

The 21st Century Schools Council shall be formed and structured as follows:

Category	Selection Procedure	Number
Mandatory Members:		
1. Teachers (includes all licensed teachers)	Elected by licensed teachers at school site	2
2. Classified employees	Elected by classified employees at school site	1
3. Principal or designee	Appointed by principal	1
4. Parents/Guardians of students enrolled at the school	Selected by other parents	2
Optional Members: (as determined by council or Board)		
5. Student	Appointed by the Student Body President	
6. Business member	Appointed by the Board	
7. School Board member	Appointed by the Board	

Membership Election Procedures

Elections of teachers and classified employees shall occur on or before November 1 of each year. Elected members shall serve until the subsequent election or their term as approved by the Board has expired.

Membership Appointment Procedures/Terms

The Board may determine other positions as deemed appropriate. Such positions may include, but are not limited to:

1. One principal
2. One classified 2 year
3. Two certified 2 year-staggered
4. Two parent or community members 2 year-staggered
5. One student Student body president officer
6. One business member 2 year

Council Structure

Each 21st Century Schools Council shall designate a chair and such other officers as deemed appropriate. The 21st Century Schools Council shall submit to the Board for approval a proposed plan of operation which shall include, but not be limited to: the manner in which meetings will be conducted, agenda development, decision-making process, distribution of minutes and procedures for public and other staff input. Operational plans will also include provisions for ongoing communications with the Board and administrative staff, as appropriate.

Council Duties

Within the parameters established above, the 21st Century Schools Council shall be responsible for 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 ORS Chapter 329 at a school site and the administration of grants-in-aid for the professional development of teachers and classified employees as provided for in Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules and advising the Board in the development of a plan for school safety and student discipline under ORS 339.333.

Additional duties may be set by Board policy.

Limitation of Council Authority

No council shall have the authority to override an action of administrative rule/regulation, administrative decision or Board policy without the approval of the superintendent and the Board, respectively. Council decisions may not abrogate any provision of district collective bargaining agreements, other district contracts or law, except through the waiver process.

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 recordkeeping requirements of the Public Meetings Law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.660 - 192.690](#)

[ORS 243.650](#)

[ORS 243.782](#)

[ORS 329.125](#)

[ORS 329.704](#)

[ORS 329.788](#)

[ORS 330.080](#)

[ORS 330.083](#)

[ORS 330.115](#)

[ORS 332.172](#)

[ORS 339.333](#)

[ORS 342.513](#)

[ORS 342.545](#)

[ORS 342.553](#)

[ORS 342.608](#)

[ORS 342.610](#)

[ORS 342.613](#)

[ORS 342.650](#)

[OAR 581-020-0105](#)

[OAR 581-020-0115](#)

[OAR 581-020-0130](#)

Cross Reference(s):

KC - Community Involvement in Decision Making