



WELCOME PARENTS!





School Community Council

- **To build consistent, effective collaboration and communication among parents, employees and administrators**
- **Forum for parents to be actively involved with the school in their children's education**
- **To make good schools great**

Council Members are Elected

- **Principal** serves and is not elected; is the only appointed member.
- **School employee members** must be employed at the school. Elected by school employees.
- **Parent/guardian members** have children at the school at least one of the two years of the term. They may not hold an educator license AND work at the school. Elected by parent/guardians.

Council Membership

- Principal and at least one school employee
- Parent/guardian members
 - Must have at least 2 parent majority
- Size is determined by the council
 - Stated in Rules of Order and Procedure (required)
- Member terms are 2 years
- Terms are staggered

Planning the Election

Put the Process in Rules of Order

When?

Spring and completed before the last week of the school year

OR near the beginning of the school year.

Timeline of election consistent for at least four consecutive years.

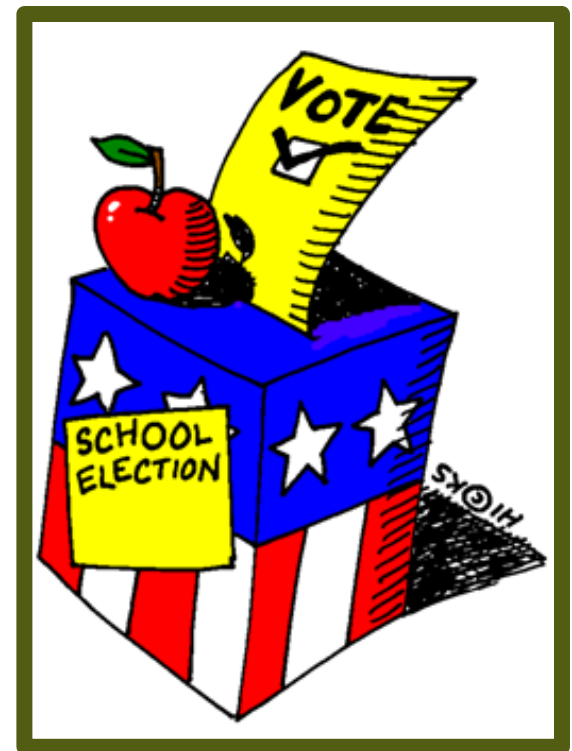
Where?

At the school

Electronic elections are permissible when districts establish the process

Holding the Election

- Notice at least 10 days prior to the election
 - Dates and times with location
 - Open positions and how to file
- Secret ballot
- Principal oversees
- Results available on request



After the Elections

Fill unfilled positions

- School employees on the council fill school employee positions
- Parent/guardians on the council fill parent positions

The entire council elects their officers each year

- Chair is elected from parent members
- Vice-chair may be a parent or employee
- Principals don't serve as officers

Council Responsibilities

- Mandatory Data Review to Identify Critical Academic Needs
- Prepare/Update School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- ✓ Prepare School LAND Trust Plan
- Digital Citizenship



Council Responsibilities

- Advise and make recommendations to school and district administrators and local school board
- Respond to local board requests



- Provide notice of elections and meetings
- Website Requirements

School Website Posting

One Week prior to meetings:

- Agenda with date, time and location
- Draft minutes of the prior meeting

By October 20th

- Yearly meeting schedule
- Council members with a phone and/or email
- School LAND Trust summary of the prior year



Website Reporting

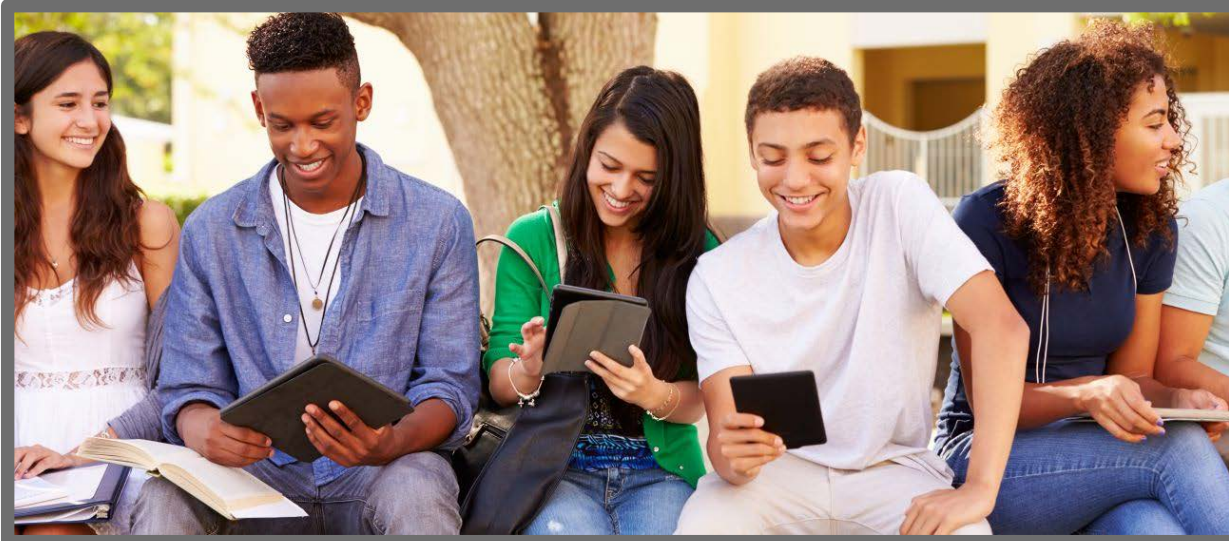
Always posted on the website:

- Statement about the opportunity for parents to serve and make decisions about the School LAND Trust funds.
- Amount received each year from the program
- Rules of Order and Procedure
- All items are posted in the school office and provided to parents without internet access



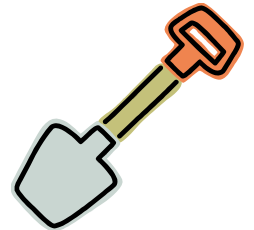
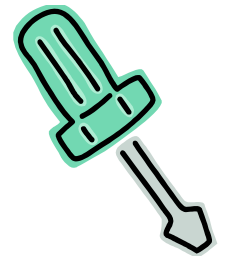
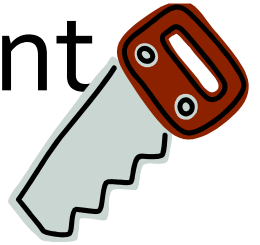
New Council Responsibility Safe Technology Environments Digital Citizenship

HB 213



Tools – Be effective and efficient

- Elect the chair
 - Sets the agenda
 - Conducts the meeting
 - Uses a yearly timeline
 - Sets Rules of Order and Procedure
 - Uses the council – delegates
- Request a data discussion
 - What does the data mean?
 - What measurements do we use?
 - How are our students doing?



**I want our plans to be effective.
I want to be informed before voting.**



How will I know if our plans are effective?

Specialists and teachers you trust

Data discussion – are we meeting our goals?

UCAS and School Grades– www.schools.utah.gov/main/

How will I know if the selected programs are effective?

Websites like What Works Clearinghouse

RIMS (Recommended Instructional Materials System)

<http://delleat.schools.utah.gov/rims/index.html>



New this year

Behavioral Interventions

- Can be included in an academic goal
- No longer a limit of \$5,000/20%

Character Ed/Civic Ed Leadership Development

- \$7,000 Limit
- Must be part of an academic goal

A word about carry-over

Funds can be carried to the next year

- If it is $> 10\%$ you will need to explain
- In the early years it made some sense
- Trust principle of intergenerational equity
- Sweeping
- Schools must not really need it



School LAND Trust Plans may be amended

Amendment is needed if:

- Add a funding category to any academic area (goal)
- Add a new goal
- Mid-year you have not spent the money as planned and cannot/will not
- If you decide not to implement a goal



Amendment is NOT needed if:

- Items are listed in the “if there is more money” question of approved plan
- If you are going to spend more money on what was approved (same financial category & same goal)



Increase Parent Involvement

SchoolLANDTrust.org - ideas to welcome parents

Offer recruitment documents in Spanish

Have a PTA/PTO liaison

Use parental expertise on subcommittees & task forces

Seek representation of minority families

NEW THIS YEAR: Parent/Family component in the plans

