

## **2016-17 School Committee Member Survey Responses**

As of November 1, 2016

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### Outreach for Elections

Most sites used both paper and electronic notices, as well as announcements at school events. A little less than half of the survey respondents replied that their nominations were solicited by a single method, with both email (8) and personal outreach (7) about even. A few responded because of announcements at a school event (4).

### Introductions

Almost all candidates were given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the school community via a written candidate statement. The only school to use the public forum was Berkeley High.

### Voting

Eight schools offered both online and paper options, the remainder were divided equally among online or paper only.

### Suggestions

Most members felt that the outreach was effective in encouraging participation, some commented on the challenges in the process:

- The election schedule was too compressed
- Outreach should begin at the end of the previous school year
- The community needs to know more about what the SGC does

### Race/ethnicity

Of those who reported, race/ethnicity as follows (using federally mandated categories)

37 -White

5 -African American or Black

1 -Pacific Islander

3 -Hispanic

3 -Asian

6 -Multi-ethnic

### Teachers/Staff Elections

Report a fairly even mix of principal request, volunteer, and (s)elections by consensus at staff meeting.

### Topics requested for the upcoming December 1 training:

The Role of Data in Decision-Making – 26

Growing Leadership for Underrepresented Families - 23

Understanding LCAP in our District – 20

The New BSEP Measure - 18

Needs Assessments – Surveys and Beyond - 18

Connecting our Communities – the role of SGC as Hub - 16

Understanding School and District Budgets - 16

Research on Student Achievement Strategies - 15

Inclusive and Effective Meetings - 13

Focus on LCAP Goal #2: Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Systems - 13

Focus on LCAP Goal #1: High Quality Instruction - 11

Focus on LCAP Goal #3: School Climate - 10

Some other Research Topic – 1 (The Invisible Student – not in the top or the bottom)