

# Frequently-Asked Questions about the School Governance Council

## ***What does the SGC do?***

The role of the SGC is to plan and review the expenditures of site funds that come from both state and local (BSEP) sources. Specifically, that means we:

- Dig in to data on student achievement, services, safety and more;
- Survey the school community – students, teachers, families – to identify needs and priorities;
- Collaborate to develop and adopt the School Plan for the following school year.

## ***Who makes up the SGC?***

The SGC is made up of parents, teachers, staff, and the principal. Our meetings are public and all are welcome.

## ***What kind of time commitment is required?***

The SGC generally meets once or twice a month. The specific meeting calendar for next year will be developed by the committee. The meetings run for approximately 1 ½ hours. Generally, SGC members serve 2 consecutive school years.

## ***Why does the SGC need me?***

Research has demonstrated that the most effective site councils, the ones that have the most positive impact on both school climate and student achievement, are **diverse** and **representative of the whole community**. So we need you and your perspective to be effective.

## ***Can I get training to help me be an effective member?***

Absolutely. Each fall, the BSEP office provides training to the BUSD school councils, offering workshops such as how to use data to inform decisions.

## ***So, I'm interested; what do I do next?***

Cut here and give to your teacher or principal if you would like to be contacted about the SGC. For additional information, call Valerie Tay at the BSEP office, 644-8717.

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