

Elections of School Community Council Members

A Checklist

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1. Are there at least two more parent/guardian members* (through the remainder of this document referred to as parent members) than school employee members**, including the principal, on the school community council?
2. Are there fewer parents, who are licensed district employees (not employed at the school), than parents who are not licensed district employees?
3. Are there at least two employee members on the SCC, including the principal?
4. Did the principal (or designee) provide notice of an election that included the dates and times of the election with the positions up for election and instructions for becoming a candidate? Was the notice provided at least ten days in advance of the election?
5. Was the race uncontested, not requiring ballots and voting?
If the answer is yes, skip questions 6-8.
6. Did only parents of students at the school vote for the parent positions at the election?
7. Did only employees at the school vote for the employee positions (except the principal) at the election?
8. If the race was contested, was each parent member elected by secret ballot by a majority vote of the parents voting in the election and each school employee elected by secret ballot by a majority vote of the school employees voting in the election?
9. If there were vacant positions on the council after the elections, did parents on the committee appoint parent members, and the employee members appoint employee members?
10. Did the SCC elect a chair from the parent group, and a vice-chair from the parent group or employee group?
11. Were elections and subsequent appointments, where necessary, completed according to a timeline in which councils could complete the required school website postings and the principal could complete the fall online reports on the School LAND Trust website prior to October 20th?
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* Parent member means a SCC member who is a parent or guardian of a student who will be enrolled at the school at any time during the parent member's term. A parent member may not be a licensed employee at the school.

** Employee member means a member of an SCC who is a person employed at the school, including the principal.

NOTE: There are a few schools in the state that are designated by the district as 'special' for purposes of establishing a council (secure facility, juvenile detention facility, hospital program, or other small special program) who are not required to establish councils consistent with this list.

(School Name)

School Community Council Candidate Form

Serving on the School Community Council

Serving on our School Community Council is a wonderful way for parents and teachers to contribute and help improve academic performance at our school. The school receives an annual dividend from the school trust lands. Our council decides how these funds will be used. This year our school received \$_____ from the School LAND Trust Program. The council reviews and prepares other academic plans for our students each year. All plans are reviewed for final approval by our school board. Councils also act in an advisory capacity to school and school district administrations.

Qualifications

Every public school in Utah has a School Community Council. The councils are made up of school employees who are elected by employees and parents who are elected by parents of students attending the school. Membership terms are for two years. Elections are held at the beginning of each school year. Parent members must have a student attending the school at least one of the two years of their term of service. Employees must be employed by the school district at the school.

For more information please visit <https://schools.utah.gov/schoollandtrust/parentsCouncils>

Please fill out EITHER the Parent member information OR the Employee member information.

The form is due to the school principal before: _____

The School Community Council Election will be held: _____

YES! I would like to serve on the School Community Council.

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name _____ Grade _____

I am the parent/guardian of students: _____

I am also a licensed employee of this school district. Yes No

School Employee Information:

School Employee Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature

Date