

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: 21ST CENTURY SCHOOL COUNCILS

CODE: IFCA

The district shall establish a 21st Century Schools Council at each school site, 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

Each building council shall consist of employees with a direct connection to the particular school site and such other individuals as provided by statute and as determined by the district. 21st Century Schools Councils shall be formed and structured as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Selection Procedure</u>	<u>Number</u>
a. Teachers (includes all licensed teachers)	Elected by licensed teachers at school site	Not more than half
b. Classified employees	Elected by classified employees at school site	At least 1
c. Building administration or designee	Recruited by building administrator	At least 1
d. Parents of students enrolled at the school	Recruited from the parents of students attending the school	Not more than half
e. Community-at-large	Recruited by site council members	One individual, if available

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 of their term as approved by the Board has expired.

Membership Appointment Procedures

The Board may determine other positions as deemed appropriate. Such positions may include, but are not limited to business leaders, students and members of the community-at-large. Appointments to these positions will be made by the 21st Century Schools Council.

Terms

Terms of service for 21st Century Schools council members will be determined by the council with final approval by the Board.

Council Structure

Each 21st Century Schools Council shall designate a chairman 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, 21st Century Schools Councils 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 the school, 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 References: ORS 192.660 - 192.690 OAR 581-020-0105
 ORS 243.650 OAR 581-020-0115
 ORS 243.782 OAR 581-020-0130
 ORS 329.125
 ORS 329. 675 - 329.745
 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

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