

School Site Council Bylaws 2012 - 2013

ARTICLE I

Name of Council

The name of this council shall be the **Lincoln Elementary** School Site council.

ARTICLE II

Role of Council

The school improvement plan shall be developed and recommended by the school site council. The school site council, following approval of a school improvement plan and budget by the school District Board of Education, shall have ongoing responsibility to review with the principal, teachers, other school personnel, and pupils the implementation of the school improvement program and to assess periodically the effectiveness of such programs. Modifications or any improvement to the plan shall be developed, recommended, and approved or disapproved in the same manner. The council shall carry out all other duties and responsibilities assigned to it in the Education Code of the State of California.

ARTICLE III

Members–Section 1–Composition

The needs and resources of the school improvement program require that staff membership include broad representation of parents, students, (secondary), and staff, including socioeconomic and ethnic groups represented in the school attendance area. The minimum standards for representation on the council shall be: the principal and representatives of teachers elected by teachers at the school, parents of pupils attending the school elected by such parents, and in secondary school, pupils elected by pupils attending the school. At the elementary level, the council shall be constituted to ensure parity between (a) the principal, classroom teachers, and other school personnel, and (b) parents or other community members selected by parents. At the secondary level, the council shall be constituted to ensure parity between (a) the principal, classroom teachers, and other school personnel, and (b) equal numbers of parents and pupils. At both the elementary and secondary levels, classroom teachers shall comprise the majority of those persons representing school staff.

Section 2–Term of Office

The principal is a permanent member of the council, according to the law. All other members of the council shall serve for a one-year term with a maximum of two consecutive terms. No member (except the principal) shall serve three consecutive years.

Section 3–Voting Rights

Each member shall be entitled to one vote and may cast that vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the council. School site councils that have alternates shall permit the alternate to vote in the absence of the representative. Absentee ballots shall not be permitted.

Section 4–Termination of Membership

A member shall no longer hold membership should he or she cease to be a resident of the area or not longer meet the membership requirements under which they were elected. Membership shall automatically terminate for any member who is absent, without reason, from all regular meetings for a period of three consecutive months. The council, by affirmative vote of four-fifths of all of the members, can suspend or expel a member.

Section 5–Transfer of Membership

Membership in the school site council is not transferable.

Section 6–Resignation

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the council chairperson and/or site principal.

Section 7–Vacancy

Any vacancy on the council shall be filled by an election for the remainder of the term of office.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1–Officers

The officers of the school site council shall be a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and such other officers as the council may deem desirable.

Section 2–Election and Terms of Office

The officers of the school site council shall be elected annually and shall serve for one year or until each successor has been elected.