

School Site Councils

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) specifies that all public schools in the Commonwealth are to have a School Site Council (SSC). The role of the council is to meet regularly with the principal and assist in identifying the educational needs of students in the school, reviewing the annual school budget, and formulating the school improvement plan.

Specifically, the site council will assist the principal in:

1. Adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards
2. Identifying the educational needs of students attending the school
3. Reviewing the annual school building budget
4. Formulating a school improvement plan
5. Reviewing the student handbook each spring to consider changes in disciplinary policy to take effect for the following school year.

The school principal will co-chair the council. In addition, we would like to have three parents, three teachers or other school faculty, one student, and one community representative on the council. The second co-chair will be chosen from among this group at the first SSC meeting.

Teachers will submit interest to Steve Watson by September 30th. Parents who are interested will submit interest to WHS PTSO (parent-teacher-student organization) co-chairs Kelly Geagan (klgeagan137@yahoo.com) and Ellen Todino (etodino@gmail.com) by September 30th. Send your name to the co-chairs, as well as a three sentence blurb about why you would like to serve on the council. PTSO co-chairs will coordinate an election at Back to School night on October 7th.