

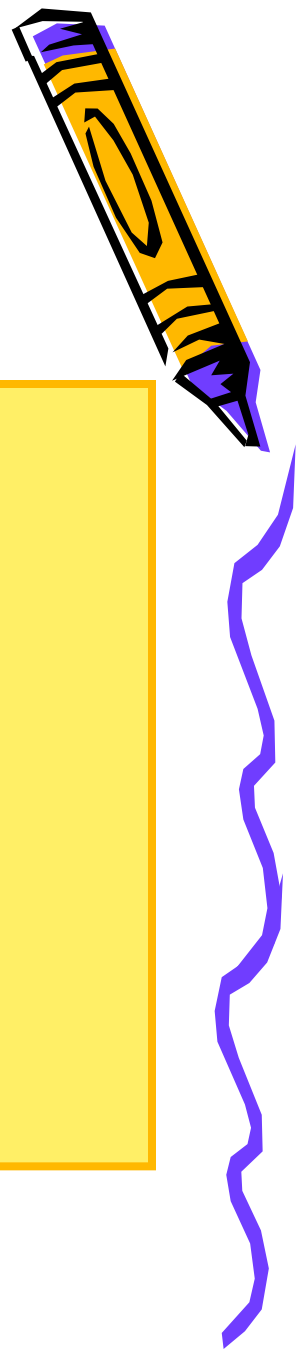
What Is A School Site Council?



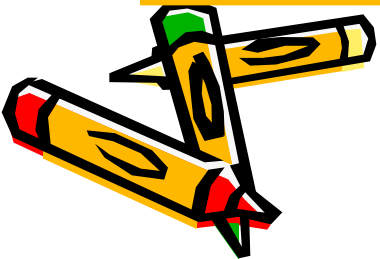
- A school based decision making organization
- A group of individuals whose central focus is supporting the best decisions for students
- A broad based committee who listens to each other as well as the school community
- A resource team which promotes trust and encourages full participation in school and district activities as well as employs systematic problem solving strategies



A School Site Council (SSC) Is Not:

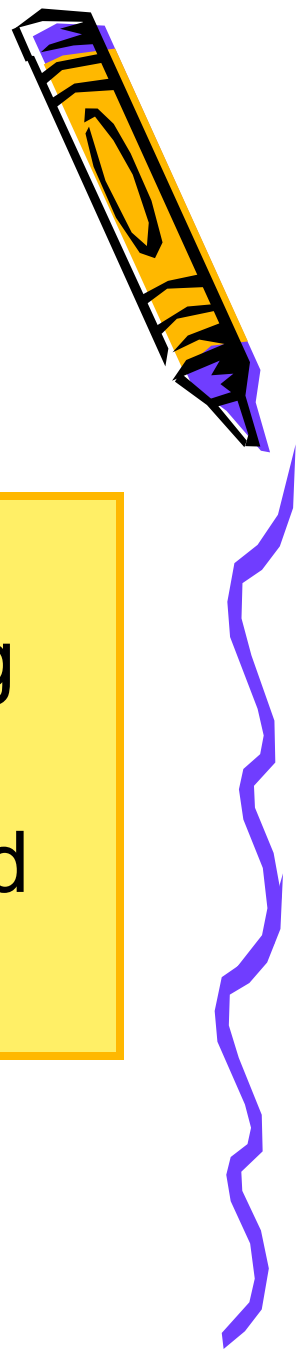


- A school management committee
- A political organization
- A grievance committee
- A personnel committee
- A fund-raising organization
- An extension of the PTA or Parent Club
- A social group



Overall Responsibility of the SSC

Serves as the school community representative body for determining the focus of the school's academic instructional program and all related categorical resources.



What it looks like at PHS



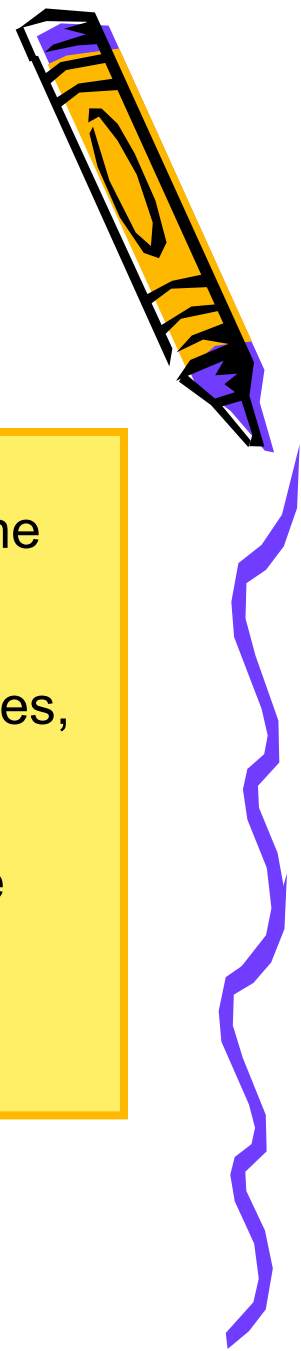
Determining the focus: In our meetings we will be discussing the main programs associated with the academic instructional program. For example we will be discussing the following:

1. Overall school plan (WASC Process, Action plan, Expenditures to support the plan)
2. Different forms of data and the implication thereof.
3. The PLC/TLC Process (How our teachers work together to implement the plan and address the action items)
4. Curricular and Instructional supporting practices (CCC - Interdisciplinary work, Annual Portfolio, Senior Passion Project, Student shadowing, Peer Observation)
5. Events that support the mission of the school (Passion Day, Wellness Week, Mindfest)
6. Participate in the LCAP process to help determine expenditures of the annual budget



SSC Responsibilities

- Providing ongoing monitoring of the implementation of the plan and budgets/expenditures;
- Revising the school plan, including expenditures, timelines, and evaluation criteria, as needed;
- Participating in all local, state, and federal reviews of the school's program for compliance and quality;



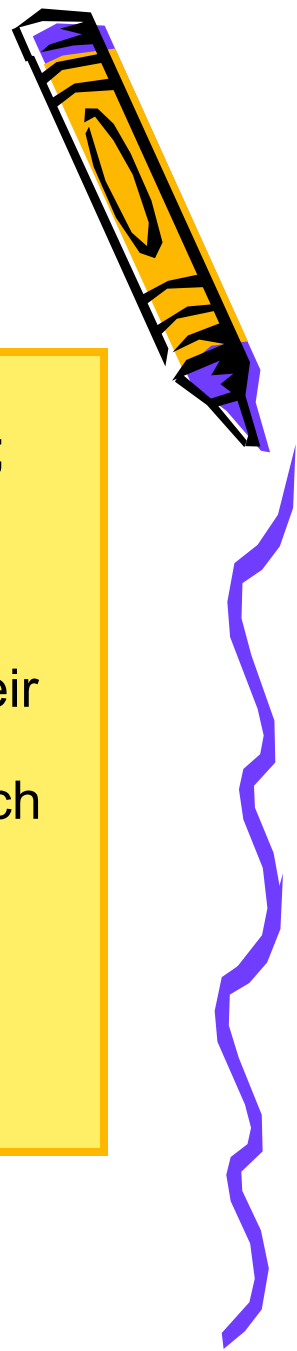
SSC Responsibilities



- Conducting an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the school's progress toward meeting school goals to raise student achievement for all students;
- Encouraging broad representation of parents, community members, teachers and students, if appropriate, including all socioeconomic, ethnic, and programmatic groups represented in the school in leadership roles and in the activities of the school site council; and
- Carrying out all other duties assigned to the council by the district governing board and by state or federal law.



Effective School Site Councils...



- Focus on improving student achievement for all students;
- Maintain a high degree of collaboration;
- Provide opportunities for shared leadership;
- Demonstrate good problem solving skills;
- Allow for all members and the public to freely express their opinions and points of view;
- Recognize and respect the individuality and creativity each member brings to the team;



Effective School Site Councils...

- Come prepared with their materials and good ideas;
- Communicate with the larger school community about their progress;
- Encourage the use of good listening skills;
- Seek out information from broader school community; and
- Utilize a procedural guide (e.g., *Roberts' Rules of Order*) to assure that meetings are properly managed.

