

ELECTION OF TEACHERS TO THE COUNCIL

1) NOMINATIONS

Teachers may nominate themselves or another teacher to the Council. Nominations shall be made in writing to the teacher election facilitators no later than five (5) days before the election. The facilitator(s) shall prepare a ballot containing the names of all teachers nominated. Nominations shall also be taken from the floor the day of the election.

Note: Current elected council members shall serve as the “teacher election facilitators” provided they were not candidates for re-election. If all 3 are candidates, the teacher council members shall designate a teacher election facilitator.

2) ELECTION TIMELINES

The current teacher council members shall by April 1, designate the teacher election facilitator. By April 15, the teacher election facilitator will inform all certified staff of upcoming teacher elections and begin accepting nominations. By May 1, the teacher election facilitator will inform all certified staff the date, time and location of the election. By May 30 and no later than 24 hours after the election, the election facilitator will provide the principal with the verified election results.

3) BALLOTS

The teacher election facilitator shall select 3 other non-candidates to help in counting the ballots. Balloting will continue until three (3) teachers are elected by a majority as defined by statute (51% of certified faculty on staff excluding Principal and Assistant Principals).

4) VOTING PROCEDURE

Teachers shall vote for up to the number of vacant teacher council positions on each ballot. (i.e. Up to 3 names on the first ballot). The top vote getters for the available positions shall be considered elected provided that the candidate(s) receive a majority vote as defined by statute. Any candidate, once receiving a majority vote as defined by statute, shall be considered elected and their name will be removed on each subsequent ballot. If after the first ballot 3 teachers do not receive a majority as defined by statute, the lowest vote getter shall be removed on each subsequent ballot until 3 members receive a majority of the vote as defined by statute.

5) ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots may be presented, sealed, then opened and counted when the other ballots are counted. The absentee ballot will only be counted on the first round of voting.

6) OFFICIAL RESULTS

The teacher election facilitator will present the election results and ballots to the principal within 24 hours of the council election with a signed affidavit by all teachers who counted the ballots verifying the election results.

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Signature _____
Council Chairperson