



Mariposa School of Global Education

BY-LAWS for SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

ARTICLE 1

Name of Council

The name of this council shall be Mariposa School of Global Education School Site Council.

ARTICLE 11

Role of Council

The council shall act as a school-based entity and shall approve and oversee the School Improvement Plan, including the budget, which has been developed and written by the school leadership team in cooperation with the entire staff. The School Site Council, following approval of the School Improvement Plan by the school district Board of Education, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have ongoing responsibility to review with the principal, teachers, and other school personnel, the implementation of the school-based program and to assess periodically the effectiveness of such program. Modifications or any improvement to the plan shall be developed, recommended and approved or disapproved in the same manner. The council's deliberations shall be limited to matters that directly relate to the school-based program exclusive of selection and evaluating of personnel.

The plan recommended by the School Site Council shall be consistent with the school district's philosophy, goals and instructional objectives, policies, procedures, and employee contracts.

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 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, representatives of teachers selected by teachers at the school, other school personnel selected by other school personnel at the school, and parents of pupils attending the school selected by such parents.

The council shall be constituted to ensure parity and shall have an equal number of school personnel (the principal, classroom teachers, and other school personnel) and parent members, each group being selected by their peers.

Classroom teachers and/or Instructional Aides shall comprise the majority of those persons representing the school staff, with a minimum of two teachers on the Council.

Council members representing parents, other community members or pupils shall not be employees of the Las Virgenes Unified School District.

Section 2 – Term of Office

All members of the Council shall serve for a two-year term. However, in order to achieve staggered membership, one-half, or the nearest approximation thereof, of the members representing parents or community members and one-half other school personnel (except the Principal) shall serve for one-year terms only during the first year of the Council's existence. After the first year of the Council's existence, all terms shall be two years in length. At the first regular meeting of the Council, a chance method shall be used to determine which members shall serve one-year terms.

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. Absentee ballots shall 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 school attendance area or no longer meet the membership requirements under which they were selected, e.g., a parent becomes employed by the district. Membership may be terminated for any member who is absent from all regular meeting for a period of three consecutive months. The Council, by affirmative vote of two-thirds 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 or assignable.

Section 6 – Resignation

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

Section 7 – Vacancy

Any vacancy on the Council shall be filled for the remainder of the school year by special appointment by the members of the School Site Council. If the unexpired term is for another full year thereafter, the term for that year shall be filled by the regular selection process.