

Composition of SSC

The council shall be composed of the principal and representatives of teachers selected by teachers at the school; other school staff selected by other school staff at the school; parents of students attending the school or community members selected by parents of students and, in secondary schools, students selected by students.

How many members at elementary?

At the elementary level the council shall be constituted to ensure parity between (a) school staff members (principal, classroom teachers and other school staff); and (b) parent/community members. In other words one-half of the members must be school staff (classroom teachers shall comprise the majority of this half of the council) and the other half must be parents/community members.

For example, a 10-member SSC could satisfy this requirement

- Five School staff members (1 principal, 3 classroom teachers, 1 other school staff), and
- Five Parent/community members

A site may choose to have a larger SSC, but parity between school staff members and parent/community members must be maintained.

How many members at secondary:

At the secondary, the SSC shall be constituted to ensure parity between (a) school staff members (principal, classroom teachers and other school staff); and (b) parent/community members and students. In addition, the number of parent/community members must be equal to the number of student members. In other words, one-half of the members must be school staff (with classroom teachers comprising the majority of this half of the council), one-quarter of the members must be parents/community members, and one-quarter of the members must be students.

For example, a 12-member SSC could satisfy this requirement:

- Six school staff members (1 principal, 4 classroom teachers, and 1 other school staff), and
- Three Parent/community members, and
- Three Student members

A site may choose to have a larger SSC, but parity between school staff members and parent/community/student members must be maintained; the parity between parent/community members and student members must also be maintained.

Another option for the composition is to have 3 classroom teachers, 2 other staff, and 1 principal=6, maintaining parity and the majority of the school staff members are teachers.

Composition of ELAC

The percentage of parents of English learners on the committee must be at least the same as that of the English learners at the school. As an example, if 40% of the students at the school are English learners, then at least 40% of the members on ELAC will be parents of English Learners.

Elections:

1. Parents/guardians of English learners elect parent members of the school committee.
2. The parents/guardians are provided the opportunity to vote for committee members.
3. Each school committee shall have the opportunity to elect at least one member to the DELAC.