

TESTIMONIALS

SITE BASED
DECISION MAKING

“Site Council aims to improve our school in many ways; enhancing collaboration and action plans amongst parents, students and staff goes a long way towards this end.”

- Kees Keizer
Site Council co-chair

“I enjoy getting to be a part of a group that allows students to share their points of view.”

- Eli Lofgren
Gresham HS Senior and Site Council co-chair

“The collaborative input of these different perspectives creates opportunities to grow our school community in a variety of ways.”

- Olivia Green
Gresham HS Staff Member

“I don't have a student at the school anymore and I still show up.”

- Tracey Flannel
Parent

SITE COUNCIL

GRESHAM HS

An aerial photograph of the Gresham High School campus. The school building is a large, modern structure with a grey roof and blue and tan accents. In the foreground, there are several trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. To the left of the main building, there is a large green field with a baseball diamond and a soccer field. The background shows a residential neighborhood with houses and streets, and a large, snow-capped mountain peak under a clear blue sky.

PHILOSOPHY/PURPOSE

Site Council is a leadership group consisting of staff, parents and students. We are tasked with overseeing our **school improvement plan** and allocating funds that support work towards reaching those goals. The collaborative input of these different perspectives creates opportunities to grow our school community in a variety of ways.

The primary goals of the Site Council are to **enhance student achievement**, give the school greater authority to make decisions and provide an opportunity for greater **staff, student and community participation** in the life and function of the school.

Our 2020-21 **focus** areas are:

- **Trauma-Informed Practices**, socio-emotional health and self-care
- **Culturally Responsive Teaching**
- **Student engagement**, clubs and activities
- **Social Justice** and Equity-making

Gresham's Site Council Supports

Site Council funds are used primarily for the professional development of our staff. Recent examples include:

- The math department utilized the funds for valuable teacher **collaboration opportunities** at all levels by creating more unified curriculums.
- **Trauma Informed Practice** training supported students and families experiencing trauma
- ELL training for the math department increased math discourse in the classroom and **Culturally Responsive Teaching** practices
- Staff attended a Town Hall on addressing **racism** in public schools
- Math curriculum alignment shifted to Integrated Math series
- Zaretta Hammond Literacy Conference on increased literacy
- Science department Patterns curriculum work
- Health curriculum alignment, requirements shifted to different grade levels.



Site Council provides a time and a space to make proposals to school and district leadership that impacts student engagement and learning.

MEETINGS OCCUR

1st WED. OF EVERY MONTH
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meetings are a time to connect and communicate about issues affecting our student body. If you would like to be a part of Site Council, please contact Erin Voelker: voelker@gresham.k12.or.us