Hohokam Elementary School

Site Council By-Laws

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Hohokam Elementary School
8451 E. Oak St.
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Article I-Mission/Vision/Core Values Statement

Mission

A school community committed to nurturing the achievement, growth, and well-being of every student.

Vision

We are committed to ensuring all students develop the foundational academic, civic responsibility, social-emotional, and behavioral skills to allow them to achieve success in middle school, high school, college, career, and beyond.

Core Values

Classrooms with a Strong Academic Focus
Linear and Sequential Curriculum
School-wide Positive Behavior expectations
Quality special area classes and programs
Partnership between Home, School (PTA) and Community
A safe, equitable, and successful learning environment for all students and adults

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Article II-Purpose

The Board authorizes the establishment of a school council at each school site. The school council shall follow regulations promulgated by the Board. The authority extended to the school council(s) is to:

A. Provide input to the design of curricular and instructional strategy/enrichment models that promote the District mission/goals statement.
B. Determine how tax credit contributions that are not designated for a specific purpose are used at the school site.
C. Provide input on matters that support the school's continuous improvement plan.

A shared "vision" for curricular and instructional models and the involvement of a variety of the members of the school and community who will be most affected by the results are essential.

Site council input is limited only by the requirements that it be consistent with and fulfill the mission/goal statements, beliefs, and adopted Board policies of the District and comply with the laws and regulations of the state of Arizona and the United States.

This shared decision making shall not supersede Board/Superintendent decision-making responsibilities unless waived by the Board

Article III-Membership

A. The school council at each school shall take into consideration the ethnic composition of the local community and initially shall be composed of:
B. An equal number of parents and teachers (a minimum of three is recommended).
C. Teachers, selected by the teaching staff, with a preference for representation from primary (K-2), intermediate (3-5), special education, and special areas.
D. Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school who are not employed by the District in the school of proposed membership. Parents should be selected by the parent community.
E. One non-certified employee.
F. At least one community member.
G. The Principal of a school.
H. The principal will serve as Chair unless another member is chosen by the Site Council to serve in this role.
I. Unfilled seats may be appointed by the Chair.
J. Any member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Site Council. Unless otherwise specified in such written notice, the resignation shall take place upon receipt of the notice by the Site Council.
K. Any member of the Site Council may be removed by two thirds vote of the group at a regular or special meeting.
L. Terms of office are for three years and expire on June 30 according to the following schedule:

Representative	Term Expires June 30 of:
Teacher (K-2)	2023
Teacher (3-5)	2024
Teacher Special Ed.	2025
Teacher Specials	2025
Title I Specialist (as needed)	Does not expire
Classified	2025
Parent #1	2023
Olga Garcia (5th grade; 2nd grade)	
Parent #2	2023
April Kuipers (3rd grade)	
Parent #3	2024
Misti Fry (Raegan Fry-Graham 4th grade)	
Parent #4	2025
Marcus Johnson (Cruz Johnson 2nd grade)	
Principal	Does Not Expire

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Article IV-Meetings

A. The first meeting of the fiscal year shall be called by the Chairperson. At the first meeting of this fiscal year the Site Council shall set the schedule for all regular meetings that will be held during the fiscal year. Site Council meetings will be published on the school website and in the school newsletter. The meeting schedule as well as agenda and minutes will be posted in the Site Council notebook kept in the school's front office.

B. Any member of the Site Council may place an item on the agenda by giving it in writing to the Chairperson no later than one week prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

C. Meetings shall be open to the public. They will only be held if there is a quorum. The Chairperson shall be in control of the meeting. An attempt will be made to reach decisions by consensus. Any member of the Site Council may call for consensus on a decision item at any time. Consensus is reached when all members of the Site Council agree that they can live with the decision. At the Chairperson discretion, he/she may call for a vote on an issue. A majority vote of the members present will be necessary to make a decision through the voting process.

D. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson. Notice of special meetings will be posted as far in advance as possible in the Site Council notebook kept in the front office.

E. A quorum is the presence of a majority of the duly appointed members.

F. Minutes will be kept and made available for inspection in the school office.

Article V-Committees

Hohokam School Committees are necessary to assist with the implementation of the Site Improvement Plan.

Article VI-Fiscal Year

The fiscal year begins on July 1st of each year and ends the following June 30th.

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Article VII-Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by 2/3 majority of the Site Council.

Article VIII-Ratification

These By-Laws will be ratified by consensus of the Site Council.

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