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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*32 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-108** is amended to read:33 **53A-1a-108. School community councils authorized -- Duties -- Composition --**34 **Election procedures and selection of members.**

35 (1) As used in this section:

36 (a) (i) "Parent or guardian member" means a member of a school community council  
37 who is a parent or guardian of a student who is attending the school or who will be enrolled at  
38 the school at any time during the parent's or guardian's initial term of office.39 (ii) "Parent or guardian member" may not include a person who meets the definition of  
40 a school employee member unless the person's employment at the school does not exceed an  
41 average of six hours per week.42 (b) "School employee member" means a member of a school community council who is  
43 a person employed at a school by the school or school district, including the principal.44 (2) Each public school, in consultation with its local school board, shall establish a  
45 school community council at the school building level.

46 (3) (a) Each school community council shall:

47 (i) develop a school improvement plan in accordance with Section 53A-1a-108.5;

48 (ii) develop the School LAND Trust Program in accordance with Section  
49 53A-16-101.5;50 (iii) assist in the development and implementation of a staff professional development  
51 plan as provided by Section 53A-3-701;

52 (iv) develop a child access routing plan in accordance with Section 53A-3-402; and

53 (v) advise and make recommendations to school and school district administrators and  
54 the local school board regarding the school and its programs, school district programs, and  
55 other issues relating to the community environment for students.56 (b) In addition to the duties specified in Subsection (3)(a), a school community council  
57 for an elementary school shall develop a reading achievement plan in accordance with Section

58 53A-1-606.5.

59 (4) (a) Each school community council shall consist of school employee members and  
60 parent or guardian members in accordance with this section.

61 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(c):

62 (i) each school community council for a high school shall have six parent or guardian  
63 members and five school employee members, including the principal; and

64 (ii) each school community council for a school other than a high school shall have four  
65 parent or guardian members and three school employee members, including the principal.

66 (c) (i) A school community council may have a larger membership provided that the  
67 number of parent or guardian members exceeds the number of school employee members.

68 (ii) A school community council may have a smaller membership provided that:

69 (A) the number of parent or guardian members exceeds the number of school employee  
70 members; and

71 (B) there are at least two school employee members on the school community council.

72 (5) (a) Each school employee member, except the principal, shall be elected by secret  
73 ballot by a majority vote of the school employees and [~~serves~~] serve a two-year term beginning  
74 July 1. The principal shall serve as an ex officio member with full voting privileges.

75 (b) (i) Each parent or guardian member shall be elected by secret ballot at an election  
76 held at the school by a majority vote of those voting at the election and [~~serves~~] serve a  
77 two-year term beginning July 1.

78 (ii) Only parents or guardians of students attending the school may vote at the election  
79 under Subsection (5)(b)(i).

80 (iii) Any parent or guardian of a student who meets the qualifications of this section  
81 may file or declare himself as a candidate for election to a school community council.

82 [~~(c) Written notice of the elections held under Subsections (5)(a) and (5)(b) shall be~~  
83 ~~given at least two weeks prior to the elections.~~]

84 (c) (i) The principal of the school, or the principal's designee, shall provide notice of the  
85 available community council positions to school employees, parents, and guardians at least 14

86 days before the date that voting commences for the elections held under Subsections (5)(a) and  
87 (5)(b).

88 (ii) The notice shall include:

89 (A) the dates and times of the elections;

90 (B) a list of council positions that are up for election; and

91 (C) instructions for becoming a candidate for a community council position.

92 (iii) The principal of the school, or the principal's designee, shall oversee the elections  
93 held under Subsections (5)(a) and (5)(b).

94 (iv) Ballots cast in an election held under Subsection (5)(b) shall be deposited in a  
95 secure ballot box;

96 (d) Results of the elections held under Subsections (5)(a) and (5)(b) shall be made  
97 available to the public upon request.

98 (e) (i) If a parent or guardian position on a school community council remains unfilled  
99 after an election is held, the other parent or guardian members of the council shall appoint a  
100 parent or guardian who meets the qualifications of this section to fill the position.

101 (ii) If a school employee position on a school community council remains unfilled after  
102 an election is held, the other school employee members of the council shall appoint a school  
103 employee to fill the position.

104 (iii) The chair of the community council shall notify the local school board of each  
105 appointment made [~~pursuant to~~] under Subsection (5)(e)(i) or (ii).

106 (iv) A member appointed to a school community council [~~pursuant to~~] under  
107 Subsection (5)(e)(i) or (ii) shall serve a two-year term beginning July 1.

108 (f) Initial terms shall be staggered so that no more than 50% of the council members  
109 stand for election in any one year.

110 (g) Council members may serve up to three successive terms.

111 (h) (i) Each school community council shall elect a chair and vice chair from its parent  
112 or guardian members and elected employee members.

113 (ii) No more than one parent or guardian member or elected employee member may at

114 the same time serve as an officer specified in Subsection (5)(h)(i).

115 (6) (a) A school community council may create subcommittees or task forces to:

116 (i) advise or make recommendations to the council; or

117 (ii) develop all or part of a plan listed in Subsection (3).

118 (b) Any plan or part of a plan developed by a subcommittee or task force shall be  
119 subject to the approval of the school community council.

120 (c) A school community council may appoint individuals who are not council members  
121 to serve on a subcommittee or task force, including parents, school employees, or other  
122 community members.