

Issaquah Valley Elementary School

Site Council Parent Representative

What is the purpose of the Site Council?

Issaquah School District Policy 2010 states that Site Councils are established at each school to advise the principal on how to advance student learning through strong shared planning, communications and problem-solving. Councils are expected to address matters directly and indirectly related to student learning. At IVE, the Council focuses on matters related to the student achievement, enrichment and remedial opportunities for students, school culture and climate, facilitating communication and involvement of families, and promoting a civil environment for students and staff and addressing issues related to rules, safety and facilities.

Who serves on the IVE Site Council?

The IVE Site Council consists of six (6) parent representatives, six (6) staff representatives (including the principal), and one (1) community representative. Each member tries to serve a three year term. Terms are designed to rotate so 2/3 of council members are always experienced. Should a member need to resign their position before the end of the three year term, procedures to fill that position are outlined in the bylaws.

How do I represent other parents?

That continues to be our greatest challenge. We have a Site Council Proposal Form that parents can complete to bring an issue to the attention of the Council, a website where parents can express concerns or ask questions, and a public input time designated in our monthly meetings. The hope is that six parent representatives will represent differing interests and points of view on the Council.

When does the Site Council meet?

Council meetings are generally the third Tuesday of each month at 5:45 PM prior to the PTA meeting at 7:00 PM. Additional meetings are sometimes scheduled to attend District informational meetings or address special concerns. Meetings are held in the IVE staff lounge.

What does a representative need to do?

- *attend meetings, participate in discussions, brainstorm ideas and solutions*
- *be willing to discuss issues with an open mind respecting the thoughts and viewpoints of others*
- *try to network with other parents to gain a broader understanding of issues*
- *read and examine articles and achievement data that is shared as background information prior to decision making*
- *be willing to volunteer to tackle certain tasks under the direction of the Council*