

Lansing High School Site Council

What, Why, Who, When, & Where

WHAT is the LHS Site Council and WHY was it established?

The **Kansas Legislature first mandated Site Councils in 1992**. Since 1992, the mandate has been renewed each year. The **current statute is K.S.A. 72-6439** & includes the following description:

"Each school in every district shall establish a school site council composed of the principal and representatives of teachers and other school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community, and other community groups. School site councils shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel in evaluating state, school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in determining the methods that should be employed at the school site to meet these goals and objectives. Site councils may make recommendations and proposals to the school board regarding budgetary items and school district matters, including but not limited to, identifying and implementing the best practices for developing efficient and effective administrative and management functions. Site councils also may help school boards analyze the unique environment of schools."

The **Kansas Board of Education first published guidance to help Districts establish their Site Councils** in 1993. Their pamphlet SCHOOL SITE COUNCILS FOR KANSAS SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS (on line at eric.ed.gov/ED363013), noted at page 6:

"Council members should be expected to:

- attend all council meetings;
- act as a communication link between the council and staff, students, parents and community;
- contribute to the group and help members function as a team; &
- accept responsibilities for council work to assure that proposed objectives are achieved."

In May 2016, the Kansas Board of Education provided the following information defining the expanding roles of School Site Councils (aka the BSC (Building Site Council):

"Representing the school's parents, neighborhood, community, and business/industry, the Building Site Council (BSC) provides input during every step of the growth process. The BSC reviews and provides input/feedback on the work of the Building Leadership Team (BLT). This includes needs assessment, goal area selection, goal and action plan development, evidence/data, and analysis of growth.

1. Schools are already required to have active BSCs (Kansas Statute 72-6439 (d)).
2. BSCs are made up primarily of non-employees of the school.
3. Because every school is unique, all BSCs are not alike.
4. For KESA [KS Educational Systems Accreditation], just make sure that the BSC represents the building's various demographic and stakeholder groups."

Please **see the posted KESA Fact Sheet** for more information on the KESA process.

WHO is on the Site Council?

The Lansing High School Site Council welcomes **any interested LHS staff, parents, and/or community residents** as members. Although they have not traditionally sat on our council, if interested, students are also eligible.

If you are interested in participating **contact Principal Steve Dike directly**. You may also use the **Site Council email list on this website**, however, since it is monitored by parent volunteers, there may be delays in responses during school breaks or between meetings.

WHEN do we meet?

Meeting dates and times are set each year by the membership at the first meeting of the LHS Building Site Council. The Bylaws suggest meeting six times annually (Sep/Oct/Nov/Jan/Feb/Apr). The times and dates often change slightly from year to year to accommodate current members; for example, in 2017-18, we met Nov/Dec/Feb/Mar/Apr at 4:00.

WHERE do we meet?

The meetings are held at LHS in the Pride Rock room.

This website has been established to **improve the communication link between the LHS Site Council and the LHS staff, students, parents, & community**. It is also designed to **meet the mandate of reporting the Lansing High School Site Council's activities to the Board of Education**. **The LHS Site Council email** is answered by our volunteer members. **Answers may be delayed if a question requires Site Council action**.