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SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

Duties of the School Site Council:

The School Site Council of Vista Nueva Career & Technology High School, hereinafter referred to as the School Site Council (SSC), shall carry out the following duties:

- Obtain recommendations for, and review of, the proposed School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) from all school advisory committees.
- Participate in regular training on SSC roles and responsibilities.
- Develop and approve the SPSA and related categorical expenditures in accordance with all state and federal law and district regulations.
- Recommend the SPSA and categorical expenditures to the TRUSD Board of Education for approval.
- Provide ongoing review of the implementation of the SPSA with the site administrator/principal, teachers, and other school staff members.

- Make modifications to the SPSA whenever the need arises.
- Submit the modified SPSA for district approval whenever a material change (as defined in district governing board policy) is made in planned activities for related categorical expenditures.
- Regularly evaluate academic data to determine the progress made toward school goals to raise the academic achievement of all students.
- Carry out all other duties assigned to the council by the TRUSD Board of Education and by state law.

ARTICLE II

Members

Section A: Composition*

The council shall be composed of at least 7 members, selected by their peers, as follows:

- 1 Site Administrator/Principal
- 2 Classroom teachers
- 1 "Other" school staff members (non- classroom teaching staff)
- 3 Parents/Community members or students

The school principal is a required member of the council. The principal shall attend all SSC meetings. Council members chosen to represent parents may be employees of the school district so long as they are not employed at this school.

Section B: Term of Office

Council members shall be elected for 3 year terms. Half, or the nearest approximation thereof, of each representative group shall be elected during odd years, and the remaining number of elected members during even years. At the first regular meeting of the council, each member's current term of office shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Section C: Voting Rights

Each member of the council is entitled to one vote and may cast that vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the council. **Absentee (proxy) and any electronic ballots shall not be permitted.**

Section D: Termination of Membership

Membership on the council may not be assigned or transferred.

Section E: Transfer of Membership

The Council may, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all its members, suspend or expel a member. Any elected member may terminate his or her membership by submitting a written letter of resignation to the council chair person.

Section F: Vacancy

Any vacancy on the council occurring during the term of duly elected member shall be filled by:

- An alternate designated during the annual election
- Nominated by current SSC and approved by majority of SSC membership.

The term will be for the remaining time left in the vacated seat.

Regular elections; appointment by two-thirds of the council for the period of time until the next regular election; or the seating of a previously elected alternate member to fill the remainder of the term of the vacant seat

ARTICLE III

Elections of Council Members

- The school vice principal/principal is a standing member of the council.
- Classroom teacher elections will be held in *August*:
 - The certificated membership will be elected into rotational positions of *three years*.
 - Nominations and elections are conducted by the certificated staff.
 - If there are fewer or equal nominees than there are positions vacant, the nominees will automatically be accepted as representatives.
- Student members will be elected for one (1) year.

- “Other” staff elections will be held in August. The “other” position is filled by a non-classroom teacher. He/she may be a classified or certificated staff member.
 - The “other” staff membership will be elected into rotational positions of *three years*.
 - Nominations and elections will be conducted by the non-classroom teaching classified and certificated staff.
 - If there are fewer or equal nominees than there are positions vacant, the nominees will automatically be accepted as representatives.

- Parent/Community Member representative elections will be conducted in *September*.
 - Nominations and elections will be conducted by the *school office staff*.
 - *Announcement of the nominations will be included on the September issues of the website. The announcement will also be posted on the entrance window of the main office.*
 - Nominations will be accepted through the first *week of September*.
 - If there are fewer or equal nominees than there are positions vacant, the nominees will automatically be accepted as representatives and remaining individuals will be kept as alternates.

All election ballots and result records will be maintained at the school site for seven (7) years.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section A: Officers

The officers of the council shall be a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and other officers the council deems desirable.

The chairperson shall:

- Collaborate with the principal in developing agendas and reviewing minutes prior to posting.
- Preside at all meetings of the council.
- Sign all letters, reports, and other communications of the council.
- Have other such duties as are prescribed by the council.

The vice-chairperson shall:

- Assist the chairperson in assigned duties.
- Substitute for the chairperson in his/her absence.

The secretary shall:

- Keep minutes and sign ins of all regular and special meetings of the council.
- Transmit true and correct copies of the minutes of such meetings to members of the council.
- Provide all notices in accordance with these bylaws.
- Keep a register of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of each member of the council, the chairpersons of school advisory committees, and others with whom the council has regular dealings, as furnished by those persons.
- Perform other such duties as are assigned by the chairperson or the council.

Section B: Election and Terms of Office

The officers shall be elected every three years, at the first or second meeting of the council, and shall serve for three years, or until each successor has been elected.

Section C: Reasons for Removal of Officers

Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of all the members sitting on the School Site Council whenever, in the judgment of the council, the best interests of the council would be served thereby.

Section D: Vacancy

A vacancy in any office shall be filled at the earliest opportunity by a special election of the council for the remaining portion of the term of office or by placement of a properly elected alternate during the Fall election.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section A: Sub-committees

The council may establish and abolish sub-committees of their own membership to perform duties as prescribed by the council. *At least one member representing teachers and one member representing parents shall make up the sub-committee.* No sub-committee may exercise the authority of the council.

Section B: Terms of Office

The council shall determine the terms of office for members of a committee.

Section C: Rules

Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these bylaws or rules adopted by the council, or policies of the district governing board.

Section D: Quorum

A majority (51% or greater) of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The act of a majority of the member's present shall be the act of the committee, provided a quorum is present.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings of the Council

Section A: Meetings

The council shall meet regularly on the *TBA school day of each month (at least 5 times per school year)*. Special meetings of the council may be called by the chairperson or by a majority vote of the council.

Section B: Place of Meetings

The council shall hold its regular meetings at a facility provided by the school, unless such facility that is accessible to the public, including handicapped persons, is unavailable. Alternate meeting places may be determined by the chairperson or by majority vote of the council.

Section C: Notice of Meetings

1. Written public notice of all meetings shall be given at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.
2. Changes in the established date, time, or location shall be given special notice.
3. All meetings shall be publicized in the following venues:
 - a. Phone call home.
 - b. Required notices shall be delivered to council and committee members no less than 72 hours, and no more than three days in advance of the meeting, *personally, or by mail or via e-mail.*
 - c. Post in office window.
 - d. E-mail

Section D: Quorum

The act of the majority of the member's present shall be the act of the council, provided a quorum is in attendance, and no decision may otherwise be attributed to the council. A majority of the members of the council (51% or greater) shall constitute a quorum. No actions may be taken unless a quorum has been established.

Section E: Conduct of Meetings

Meetings of the council shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of order established by California Education Code Section 35147 © and with *Robert's Rules of Order* or adaption thereof approved by the council.

Section F: Meetings Open to the Public

All meetings of the council, and of committees established by the council, shall be open to the public. Notice of such meetings shall be provided in accordance with Section C of this article.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

An amendment of these Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of the council by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. Written notice of the proposed amendment must be submitted to council members at least *14 days* prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered for adoption.