

Carrie E. Gould Elementary School

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2020-2022 Gould School Council Elections

What is the School Council and what does it do?

The school council is an individual advisory group for Gould Elementary School. The main goal of the school council is to provide advice, recommendations, and assistance to the school on matters relating to school improvement and student achievement.

Who is on the School Council?

The school council is made up of nine members: four parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school; two community members; two certified full time teachers; and the Principal. The term of office for each council member is two years, council members can serve more than one term.

Why is parent membership on the School Council so important?

Parents on the school council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help to shape and direct the school in its goal of increasing student achievement.

How can I become involved?

If you are a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in Gould, you may consider nominating yourself for election as a member of the school council, encouraging another person to run for election or to vote in the elections.

Do I need any special experience to serve on the School Council?

No special experience is needed or required. What is needed are members with an interest in their child's school and the desire to work with other parents, community members, teachers, and administrators to create a better understanding of and mutual respect for each other's concerns and share ideas for school improvement at Gould Elementary .

What is the process for the School Council elections?

We will accept nominations starting on Thursday, January 7th until Friday, January 15th by 2:00 pm. Nomination forms will be available in the school office and a download will be available on the school's website. Completed nomination forms will be accepted in the front office or they can be sent by email to harriet.dandridge@sccpss.com. The candidate nomination forms will be posted in the front of the school outside of the school entrance and on the school's website on January 15th. Voting will take place in the front office at Gould Elementary beginning on Tuesday, January 19thth at 8:00 am and voting will conclude on Thursday, January 21st at 2:00 pm.

To be eligible to vote, a parent or guardian must be physically present at Gould. Ballots will be placed in envelopes in the front of the school outside of the school entrance – Only one parent per household shall vote. The parent/guardian will vote for one individual to serve as parent representatives for our school council. Elected members will be announced on Friday, January 22nd.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 395-5400