

**Bylaws of**  
*Sequoia School for the*  
*Deaf & Hard of Hearing*  
**School Council**  
**2010 - 2011**

**Article I**

The name of the committee shall be the SSDHH School Council.

**Article II**

**School Council Mission Statement**

The SSDHH Site Council will coordinate and facilitate those activities and programs of school, home, and community, which encourage and enhance the growth, development, communication skills and well being of students of SSDHH.

**School Mission**

The mission of Sequoia School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SSDHH) is to provide a safe, challenging and motivating educational environment, which promotes development of wholesome social skills, academic growth, and independence through the bi-lingual and bi-cultural (Bi-Bi) approach.

**Vision Statement**

*We excel in every way and get better everyday.*

Entering SSDHH, you immediately recognize “A World of Caring Citizens”. You cross the threshold where diversity is accepted and celebrated. You recognize we are vibrant spirits with equal worth. At SSDHH, we develop citizens whos communication, technology, and thinking skills are integral components of the teaching and learning environment. We strive to make a difference in the lives of all who enter here – students, teachers, parents, and community members. Departing through our doors you will be committed to making the world a better place for yourself and others with a compassionate heart and a positive attitude. You are an educated citizen of the world.

**Values**

We, the stakeholders of the SSDHH community, value:

*The right to learn and be in a safe environment*

*All Students and their success in learning*

*Academic excellence*

*Collaboration of students, parents, staff, and community*

*Positive words and actions*

*Continuous growth in all areas*

*Character Education*

**Article III  
Membership**

Membership consists of an equal number of parents and teachers, one support staff member, a community member and the school principal. Minimum membership of the site council will consist of two parents, two teachers, one support staff, one community member and the school principal. A community member is defined as one who lives or works within the jurisdiction of the school but has no children at the school.

Members will serve terms of two years with half of its members being replaced each year. Members may service two (2) full, consecutive terms with a maximum of six (6) years. If there is no interested replacement, members may serve one additional term. The initial terms of the Council shall be two and three year terms with an equal number of members in each group.

At the end of a member's term, the Council will solicit its representative group (staff, parents) for nominations. Positions for School council will be recruited through an application process. All applications will be available in March/April. Applications will be reviewed and voted on by the respective group (i.e. parent representative, teacher position through the teaching staff, etc.) with the exception of the community member. The current's year School Council will vote this position on. The Council Chair will appoint the community member. Selections for School Council will be announced at the end of the school year.

If a member is unable to fulfill his/her term on the Council, the Council will solicit names of interested parties. He/She will submit a statement of interest and qualifications. The remaining members of the Council will select the replacement for the remainder of the vacated term.

A quorum to conduct business of the Council shall be 50% plus 1 of the current voting members.

**Article IV  
Officers**

The school assistant principal will be co-facilitator of the Council, and a member of the Council will be elected a co-facilitator.

**Article V  
Meetings**

The Council will adhere to all conditions of Public Meetings and Proceedings – Law 38-431.

The Council will meet at least four times annually.

The Council will meet at SSDHH, 1460 South Horne Street, AZ, unless otherwise noted on posted agenda.

The Council will post notice of all meetings in accordance with Public Meetings and Proceedings Law 38-431 on the school marquee, and the bulletin board outside the SSDHH office.

### **Article VI Executive Board**

There shall not be an Executive Board of the Council; the full Council will conduct all business of the Council.

### **Article VII Committees**

There are no permanent standing committees of the Council.

The Chair may appoint ad hoc committees.

### **Article VIII**

The rules contained in the Modern Edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the Council in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Council may adopt.

### **Article IX Amendment of Bylaws**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Council by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that previous notice of

the amendment was given to all members at least eight days in advance of the meeting.

## **Article X**

### **Voting**

Eligible voting members shall be all members stated in Article III, in good standing. A member in good standing shall have attended 50% of the meetings held during his/her term of office.

A proxy is a power of attorney given by one person to another to vote in his/her stead. Proxy voting will be allowed only when the vote is announced on the agenda. Proxy power of attorney must be accompanied with a written statement from the member not present at the meeting stating which question the designee has power on which to cast the vote.

If a member calls for a roll call vote, each member's vote will be recorded. A motion can be made by any Council member to order a roll call vote. This motion must pass by a two-thirds majority of members present. The roll will be called alphabetical order except that of the presiding chair. The vote of the presiding chair will be called last.