

<b>What site council is not</b>	<b>How site council might advise and counsel</b>
A mini or additional board of education	The council might provide advice and counsel by making recommendations to the board.
An evaluator of staff	The council might provide advice and counsel on improving the evaluation system.
A district (building) budget development group	The council might provide advice and counsel on added funding for staff development.
A supervisor of staff members	The council might provide advice and counsel on development of staff supervision guidelines.
A mini administrative group	The council might provide advice and counsel on the development of goals and objectives, the method used for reviewing their implementation and the procedure for determining how well they are being met.
A curriculum specialist group	The council might provide advice and counsel on whether the curriculum is effective in accomplishing the district and building student learning goals.
A PTO	The council might have some of the same members, but the function is clearly different than groups such as the PTO.
A fundraising organization	The council has no reason to be involved in fundraising as that is a PTO function. However, if funds are needed for improvement of the educational program, the council could advise the board and provide public support for funding increases.
A forum for airing personal complaints about the district	The council needs to police itself to ensure that if this arises during council discussions, it is quickly stopped.
A forum for discussing individual staff member qualities	The council needs to police itself to ensure that if this arises during council discussions, it is quickly stopped.
A reviewer of bids	The council may provide advice and counsel on projects that have educational ramifications and will require the district to take bids. But once the bidding process is begun, the council's involvement stops.
A developer and/or writer of district policy	The council might give advice and counsel on changes in current policies or the development of new policies where this advice and council is related to improved student learning.
A determiner of bus routes	The council might have legitimate reason to provide advice or counsel in this area if, and only if, the educational programs are being made to fit bus schedules rather than the other way around.
A determiner of staff salaries or salary increases	The council needs to avoid discussions on these topics just as they should avoid discussions of negotiations.
A panel for airing staff or parent grievances	The council needs to avoid becoming a sounding board for grievances whether they appear to be legitimate or not.
A panel for reviewing due process hearings and hearing results	The council needs to avoid becoming involved in any discussions of this area—no exceptions.
A maintenance supervision group	The council might give advice and counsel or advocate in some instances where poor maintenance creates unsafe conditions or otherwise interferes with learning opportunities.
A determiner of coaching quality	The council needs to avoid becoming involved in any discussions of this area.