

Riverside Drive Charter School  
Local District 2



September 20, 2011  
Governance Council Orientation

What is Governance Council?

- Ensures we have direct involvement of parents and teachers in the process of implementing the plan outlined in our Charter.
- Serves in advisory capacity.

Who makes up the governance council?

- Staff-Principal, UTLA Chapter Chair, Classified Staff Member, 2 Teachers, 2 Alternates
- Community-PFRD Parent (Exec. Comm., ELAC Representative, 3 Parents at large, 4 Alternates
- Alternatives step up only when an elected member can no longer fulfill his/her responsibilities.

How does the council work?

- Meets 9 times per year.
- Agenda developed prior to the meeting.
- Consensus oriented decision-making body
- Executive committee elected at the first meeting.
  - Officers-Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Parliamentarian

How do I get to be on the Governance Council?

- At-large parent reps are self nominated
- Must complete and turn in candidate statement
- 120 word statement about why you are running-distribute via e-mail, posted on website, available at polling place

Timeline

- Candidate Statements Due....September 26
- Statements publicized.....September 27
- Election Day....October 3 .....Parent Center (7:30-8:30; 2:00-3:00)
- Election results announced....October 5
- First regular session of Council....October 18

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