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5820 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Council

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of offering pupils the opportunity to participate in representative self-government and to develop leadership skills. Pupils shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives, and petition the Board of Education.

The Board recognizes the Student Council as the official elected voice of the student body for pupils in grades Kindergarten through 6.

The Board shall appoint one or two qualified teaching staff member(s) to serve as advisor(s) to student government activities.

Objectives

The objectives of the Student Council are as follows:

- 1. To identify problems and share solutions.
- 2. To share in decisions about regulations which affect the children at our school.
- 3. To coordinate school-wide activities.
- 4. To help children lead a group or follow wisely.
- 5. To teach children respect for themselves and others, loyalty, poise, initiative, the wise selection of peers, and the overall democratic process.

<u>Meetings</u>

The Student Council officer elections will be held in October with meeting following. Meetings occur at least once a month throughout the school year and extra meetings are called as needed.

<u>Budget</u>

The annual stipend for advisors will be determined by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Funds will be set aside annually for appropriate expenses.



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Advisor Responsibilities

Conduct election of officers and representative(s) from each class, schedule meetings, assembly for speeches, set-up rules, contact staff, meet with each grade level, coordinate project ideas, contact individuals out of school, set-up goals and objectives, arrange for equipment and supplies, support sub-committees, clearly outline duties of officers, and serve as a link between student council and school staff.

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