

Constitution
Of the
Franklin Academy Middle School
Student Council

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Franklin Academy Boynton Beach, in order to develop democratic ideals; to teach respect for law and order; to maintain high standards of cooperation, loyalty, morality and school spirit; to prepare for adult life and citizenship; to encourage all worthwhile activities in school; and to help students prepare for their careers, shall form this constitution for the Student Council of Franklin Academy Boynton Beach.

ARTICLE I NAME

An organization comprised of middle school students of Franklin Academy Boynton Beach shall hereby be formed. This organization shall hereby be referred to as the Student Council of Franklin Academy Boynton Beach.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the general welfare of Franklin Academy, develop attitudes and practices of good citizenship, take an active role in the improvement plans for the school, foster positive student/faculty relationships, provide a forum for student expression, assist with assemblies and school programs, promote positive attitudes of scholarship through example, provide activities that build school pride in students and faculty members, and initiate and execute activities for betterment of the community.

ARTICLE III VESTED AND VETO POWER

The powers of the Student Council shall be guided by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC), but delegated to the Student Council by the principal of the school. The principal shall have the right to veto any measure the Student Council may pass. The Student Council shall request, however, an explanation of any veto measure.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The membership of Student Council of Franklin Academy shall consist of any Franklin Academy Boynton Beach middle school student who shall be elected, selected or appointed by the principal. It shall consist of an elected President, Vice President, Secretary,

Eighth Grade Class President, Seventh Grade Class President, and Sixth Grade Class President and selected representatives (maximum of 24 from various middle school grades). If it shall be the case that Franklin Academy Middle School shall hold a District V, FASC, or SASC office there shall be a District V, FASC, or SASC officer(s) within the class who will be considered Franklin Academy Student Council officers.

Section 2: The Student Council members and adviser(s) shall appoint members for the positions of Parliamentarian, Historian, and committee chairmen as needed.

Section 3: If the President of Student Council shall become unable to fulfill his or her duties, the Vice-President shall assume those responsibilities.

Section 4: If any Student Council officer fails to complete their described duties and responsibilities, as outlined in Article IX then that Student Council officer will be liable for dismissal from office.

Section 5: If any class member shall resign or be dismissed, the fulfillment of that position shall be replaced there at the discretion of Student Council and the Student Council adviser(s).

Section 6: If any member of the Student Council shall resign, no action shall be taken against that former member.

Section 7: Students may hold dual positions within the Franklin Academy Student Council at the discretion of the current Student Council members and adviser(s).

Section 8: The adviser(s) and the administration shall evaluate any occurrence that warrants dismissal from Student Council.

Section 9: Members shall maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Section 10: There shall be a 9-week probation period for anyone whose GPA falls below the requirements. If the member's GPA does not improve after the probation period, the member shall be removed from Student Council.

Section 11: Student Council members shall uphold high standards and set positive examples through their behavior both in and out of school. Student Council members may be dismissed for inappropriate behavior both in and out of school. The adviser(s) and the administration shall evaluate each individual case for dismissal, upon occurrence.

Section 12: Demerit points shall be given based on each member's participation in the activities that are assigned to the Student Council as well as those activities that members volunteer to participate with. Representatives receiving 18 or more demerits in one term of office shall be removed from Student Council. Student Council officers receiving 15 or more demerits in one term of office shall be removed from their elected position and shall become a Student Council representative. Extra reports and projects may be earned to eliminate demerits.

Section 13: Any situation undefined by the constitution and/or the discipline procedure sheet shall be evaluations and handled accordingly by the adviser(s) and the administration.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

Section 1: General election rules for the Student Council:

- A. Election of the Student Council officers shall be flexible based on the school calendar each year.
- B. Each candidate for Student Council Executive Board shall earn points as follows:
 - 30 points for interview
 - 30 points for faculty and staff vote
 - 40 points for student body vote

Section 2: Requirements for prospected Student Council Executive Board consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, 8th Grade Class President, 7th Grade Class President, and 6th Grade Class President:

- A. Candidates shall submit an application.
- B. The candidates shall also give a speech.
- C. Each candidate shall be interviewed by a committee of faculty members. This committee shall be a standing committee consisting of the Student Council adviser(s) and faculty members.
- D. Each candidate for office shall have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- E. Each candidate for President shall be in 8th grade when they run for office and must have served as a Student Council member during the 2014-2015 school year.
- F. Class Presidents shall be members of the grade they represent and shall be voted on by the students in their grade.
- G. Each candidate may be eliminated from the consideration process if he/she receives any inappropriate teacher recommendation(s), inappropriate attendance report or inappropriate discipline records.

ARTICLE VI SELECTION AND PRINCIPAL APPOINTEES

Section 1: General Selection Rules for Principal Appointees

- A. The Student Council Parliamentarian and Historian offices shall be principal appointees.
- B. The Student Council members shall nominate members for the officer positions of Parliamentarian, Historian, and Standing Committee Chairmen.

Section 2: General Selection for Representatives

- A. Selection of Student Council representatives shall be flexible based on the school calendar each year.
- B. The candidates for Student Council representatives shall be selected based on the following: application and teacher recommendations.

- C. The standing selection committee shall consist of Student Council officers and the adviser(s).

Section 2: Requirements for Student Council Representatives

- A. The candidates for the position of Student Council representative shall submit an application.
- B. The candidates for Student Council representative shall maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- C. Candidates may be eliminated from the consideration process if he/she receives any inappropriate teacher recommendation(s), inappropriate attendance report or inappropriate discipline records.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1: A business meeting shall be held once a week within the confines of the Student Council at the discretion of the adviser(s) and officers.

Section 2: The Student Council officers shall prepare a business meeting agenda prior to each business meeting. The adviser shall approve the agenda.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall be responsible for assisting the President.

Section 4: The Secretary shall be required for recording the neat and accurate minutes at each business meeting. These minutes shall be kept in an orderly manner and readily available to any officer, member, administrator, or the adviser.

Section 5: The President shall be allowed to organize and execute an open forum available to all Franklin Academy Boynton Beach students. The purpose of the open forum shall be to allow the student body to voice its opinions and to make the student body aware of the activities that Franklin Academy Student Council shall be involved in at Franklin Academy and elsewhere.

Section 6: The Class Presidents shall give an accurate report on their designated grade level.

ARTICLE IX OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1: Student Body President

The Student Body President shall lead or direct Student Council in activities; help carry out its objectives; help Student Council reach its goals; provide positive leadership; delegate responsibility/share authority; learn/know talents and abilities of Student Council members and use them to the best advantage of Student Council; work with administrators, faculty and staff to insure good communication; communicate with Student Council information from the adviser, administration, faculty and staff; provide opportunities for membership involvement/motivation; keep business meetings orderly and democratic; communicate with officers in case of an adviser's absence; provide opportunity for members to share positive and negative feedback in a

constructive manner; and keep all officers informed of all issues in advance of absence; represent the council at public occasions and conventions; act as the council liaison to the principal and faculty; carry out any other duties as directed by the Student Council or adviser(s).

Section 2: Student Council Vice President

The Student Council Vice President shall lead meetings in place of the President; attend SAC/PTO meetings; check to see that all project forms are completed in a timely manner; report to Student Council President and adviser(s) for any problems; prepare the Medallion Council Book to be sent to the state convention; oversee all Project of the Year entries; carry out any other duties as directed by the Student Council or adviser(s).

Section 3: Student Council Secretary

The Student Council Secretary shall lead meetings in place of the President/Vice President; keep business meeting minutes; prepare and distribute meeting notes, if needed; keep record of demerits; keep all Student Council files neat and orderly; and carry out any other duties as directed by the Student Council or adviser(s).

Section 4: Class Presidents

The sixth, seventh, and eight grade Class Presidents shall report information and updates pertaining to their specific grade level; be the voice for their specific grade levels' ideas, concerns, comments, etc.; and carry out any other duties as directed by the Student Council or adviser(s).

Section 5: Parliamentarian

The Student Council Parliamentarian shall help keep business meetings orderly and democratic, and carry out any other duties as directed by the Student Council or adviser(s).

Section 6: Historian

The Student Council Historian shall document all Student Council activities, functions, events, achievements, etc.; Keep a digital scrapbook to be printed twice a year to have on record; Help prepare end of the year awards for Student Council members and outstanding faculty and staff; and carry out any other duties as directed by the Student Council or adviser(s).

Section 7: Student Council Members

The members of Student Council shall help plan and participate in group activities; brainstorm; eliminate impractical ideas; present the best ideas to the group for consideration, discussion, and decision; show respect for other members by being on time and considerate of one another; understand that participation is essential; seek student and teacher opinions on appropriate school-related issues; give constant attention to group activities during meetings; and complete duties in a timely manner.

Article X

POWERS AND DUTIES OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Section 1: The officers and representatives of Student Council shall be responsible (but not limited to) the following:

1. Perform special duties as requested by the administration.
2. Act as a barometer of student opinion.
3. Sponsor assembly programs.
4. Stimulate and increase student interest in activities.
5. Create, supervise, and coordinate committees for special services or activities.
6. Promote respect for school and private property.
7. Develop policies, set standards and suggest any rules necessary for the betterment of the school.
8. Pass any necessary legislation to carry any of the delegated powers.
9. Represent the school in a positive and respectful manner at all Country Council meetings, District Council meetings, and any other off campus event/function.
10. Complete Medallion Council forms for all projects completed.

ARTICLE XI RATIFICATION

Section 1: This constitution shall go into effect immediately after two-thirds of the members of the Franklin Academy Student Council ratify it at a business meeting.

ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTRY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order; Newly Revised shall govern the Student Council of Franklin Academy in all cases where they are not consistent with these bylaws and any special rules or order Student Council may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1: Any Student Council member who wishes to amend a section of the constitution shall do so by making a motion to amend at a business meeting or at certain times set aside for constitutional review.

Section 2: Time shall be permitted for discussion of any proposed amendment(s).

Section 3: All proposed amendments shall be voted on by the Student Council members. In order to pass the amendments(s) shall need to receive a majority vote at the time of voting to pass and go into constitution for ratification.

Section 4: The administration and the adviser(s) must then review the amendments.

Section 5: The constitution shall be reviewed and updated by the Student Council members on a yearly basis to meet the needs of the students at Franklin Academy.