

OLIVEIRA MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Oliveira Middle School, in order to advance the social and civic development of the student body, promote school spirit and pride, and provide for an exchange of ideas among the faculty and student body, do here by establish and ordain this constitution of the Oliveira Middle School Student Council.

Article I-Name

Section I

The name of this organization shall be: Oliveira Middle School Student Council

Article II-Statement of purpose

Section I

To present students in the exchange of ideas with the school administration.

Section II

To promote cooperation and communication between students, faculty, and administration as well as administration.

Section III

To encourage the practice of good citizenship and to serve as an example in leadership.

Section IV

To work to improve the school and school programs.

Section V

To improve school spirit by stimulating participation in school activities.

Section VI

To provide a democratic form in which students can address those school related issues which affect their lives.

Section VII

To offer a yearlong program of social functions and community involvement.

Section VIII

To train students in the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship, using the school environment as the primary training ground.

Article III-Limitations of Power

Section I

All powers of the Student Council are delegated to it by the school administration. The principal has the right to veto any act of the Student Council or revoke any of the powers held by it.

Article IV- Membership

Section I

Members are nominated from each homeroom.

- a.) Two members from each 7th and 8th grade homeroom.
- b.) One members from each 6th grade homeroom.

Section II

Nomination method

- a.) Students shall be nominated from another member of their homeroom class.
- b.) With acceptance of the nomination, the student will prepare a 1-2 minute speech to be delivered in front of the homeroom class explain reasons why he/she would be the best homeroom representative.
- c.) Each 7th and 8th grade homeroom member will vote no 2 (two) nominees on a secret ballot. Each 6th grade homeroom will vote on 1 (one) nominee on a secret ballot. Votes will be tailed and announced by the Student Council Advisor.

Section III

Elected members shall be removed from Council when:

- a.) They are guilty of conduct which, in the opinion of the council, the advisor, or the principle, constitutes a major offense. Any out of or in-school suspension shall be considered a major offense.
- b.) They accumulate a total of three detentions.
- c.) They have had three unexcused absences for Council meetings.
- d.) They have repeated inappropriate conduct in campus or at Council Meetings.
- e.) They do not maintain eligibility equivalent to that for extracurricular athletics.

Section IV

Vacancies

- a.) If a vacancy occurs in the membership, the executive committee MAY appoint a student from the appropriate homeroom, with the suggestion of the homeroom teacher, to fill the vacancy.

Article V-Officers

Section I

The officers of the Council shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers, along with the Student Council advisor, and possibly the principle, shall be known as the Executive Committee.

Section II

The class officers shall be elected from the 8th grade membership of Council. In the event that there are not two Candidates for each office, 7th grade members may be nominated.

Section III

Nomination Method:

- a.) Students must complete an application, obtain three signatures of teachers who support them, complete questionnaire, and be an active member of the Student Council.
- b.) Campaigning shall be limited to actions and words of good taste and full observance of all usual school rules.
- c.) Posters must only be hung on the walls of the school (limit 10 posters).
- d.) Each student in all three grades levels will vote for one candidate for each of the four offices on a secret ballot.
- e.) Voters will be tallied and announced by the Student Council advisor.

Section IV

Vacancies

- a.) If a vacancy occurs in any of the class offices, the position shall be filled with an appointment by the Student Council advisor and the Executive Committee.

Article VI-Duties of Officers and Committee Members

Section I Duties of the President shall be:

- a.) To preside over all meetings of the Student Council.
- b.) To call all special meetings of the approval the advisor.
- c.) To bring all concerns of the student body to meetings (in writing).
- d.) To vote only in case of a tie.
- e.) To be a member of all committees.

- f.) To perform other duties as assigned by the advisor.
- g.) To serve as a delegate to workshops and conferences.

Section II Duties of the Vice-President shall be:

- a.) To lead the opening pledge at every meeting.
- b.) To keep all attitude and morale of the student body and the Student Council positive and bring with him/her an inspirational reading to each meeting.
- c.) To assume all duties of the president or other officers in their absence.
- d.) To perform all duties delegated by the President and Advisor.
- e.) To be a member of all committees.
- f.) To vote as a regular member, in the presence of the president
- g.) To serve as a delegate to workshops and conferences

Section III Duties of the Secretary shall be:

- a.) To take roll call at each meeting
- b.) To record all minutes of the student council meetings
- c.) To read the minutes of the previous meetings when called by the President or advisor.
- d.) To carry on communication for the Council.
- e.) To perform other duties as delegated by the President and Advisor.
- f.) To serve as a delegate to workshops and conferences.

Section IV Duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- a.) To keep accurate accounts of all the financial transactions of the Student Council.
- b.) To make an accurate report of the status of the treasury at each meeting.
- c.) To assist the advisor as requested in the collection and deposit of funds.
- d.) To perform other duties as delegated by the President and Advisor.
- e.) To serve as a delegate to workshops and conferences.

Section V Duties of the Members shall be:

- a.) To attend all meetings punctually.
- b.) To report the business of the Council meetings to the student body.
- c.) To bring concerns of the student body to the Council meetings.
- d.) to participate in committee projects and activities (all members are required to work on dance activities and
- e.) Cleanup).
- f.) To perform other duties as assigned by the advisor.
- g.) Participate in all fund raising activities.

Article VII- The Advisor

Section I

The Oliveira Middle School Student Council Advisor shall be Mrs. Gutierrez

Article VIII - Meetings

Section I

There shall be regular meetings of the Council at stated intervals, decided upon by the Advisor in accordance with the Principal and school calendar.

Section II

Special meetings may be called with the consent of the Advisor and President.

Section III

Members must attend all meetings. Members who are absent from school on meeting days are automatically Excused from Council meetings. Members may leave meetings with the consent of the Advisor.

Section IV

The Executive Committee shall meet at the request of the Advisor.

Section V

All Student Council members and officers shall have one vote. All votes will be taken by a majority rule. Secret Voting will be taken at the Advisor's discretion.

Article IX – Committees

Section I Duties of the Public Relations Committee:

- a.) to make sure every event in the Student council gets into school newsletter, district newsletter, and local
- b.) Newspaper, etc.
- c.) To make sure every event is highly publicized throughout the community and school.
- d.) To keep track of all calendar events and make sure nothing conflicts with other dates on the school calendar.
- e.) To notify any Council members of any date/time changes.
- f.) To make announcements (typed up and turned in to office) for upcoming events/activities.
- g.) To keep display window in upper hall updated and attractive.
- h.) To keep pictures that might be taken of Student Council events and select ones to be submitted to the OMS Yearbook Staff
- i.) To send out thank-yous from the entire Student Council

Section II Duties of the Social Committee:

- a.) To plan all dances or other social events with the help of the class officers and Advisor.
- b.) To complete dance planning sheet: workers, decorations, games, chaperones, etc.
- c.) To contact custodians, cooks, and other teachers whenever the Student Council has any events in the school in which we may need assistance.

Section III Duties of the Spirit Committee:

- a.) To obtain rosters of all the athletes in the middle school, including numbers.
- b.) To obtain all locker numbers of athletes.
- c.) To develop a plan to publicize and support sporting events, i.e. decorating lockers, making posters for big games, etc.
- d.) To assist in planning pep assemblies, with approval of the principle.

Section IV Duties of the Special Projects Committee:

- a.) Promote animal advocacy and participate in national animal shelters in November
- b.) Promote patriot day may 1st
- c.) Teen driver seat

Article X- Workshops and Conferences

Section I

Class officers will be offered first choice on workshops and conferences. If vacancies appear, or there is no limit to the number of representatives that may register, other members will be invited to attend.

Section II

Registration fees will be paid by the Council and/ or the Council member, depending on the cost of the workshop/conference and the budget of the Student Council.

BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Council 2014-2015

Officers

(This section will indicate in writing the responsibilities of the elected officers and the results of failure to Comply. Must have a President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer.)

President-

Vice-President-

Secretary-

Treasurer-