

Barrow Elementary School Student Council Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Barrow Elementary School, in order to promote the general welfare of the school, to represent the student body in all phases of school life, and to foster, improve, and develop citizenship as well as to promote better understanding among students do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the Barrow Elementary Student Council.

Article One

This organization shall be known as the Barrow Elementary Student Council.

Article Two

Membership

- a.) All students in Grades 4 and 5 shall have the opportunity to be nominated, to vote, and to offer ideas for Council action.
- b.) The members of the Student Council shall be the officers elected by the students in grade 5 and homeroom representatives elected in grades 4 and 5 by their homeroom. Each homeroom can elect class representatives.
- c.) The officers shall be elected from grade 5 and must have been in student council in grade 4 the previous year at Barrow or previous school. The officers shall be defined as the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- d.) The principal of Barrow Elementary School shall be the final authority over all actions of the Student Council.

Article Four

Qualifications

Any student who wishes to be a member of the Council, either an officer or representative shall:

1. Maintain a passing grade of 80% in every class in order to serve.
2. Must maintain at least an E/S in conduct.
3. Have all class and homework assignments completed on time.
4. Have the ability to work well with others.
5. Maintain high attendance at school.
6. Be punctual to school, to class, and to Council meetings.

Article Five

Election Process

Students wishing to run for student council will complete the following in order to run.

- Student Council Evaluation sheet (given to previous homeroom teacher)
- Self-Evaluation and Parent Permission Slip
- Written Speech
- Previous members ONLY- letter of recommendation from previous teacher
- 5th graders ONLY- Officer Questionnaire

4th Grade New Members:

Campaigning will be done the week prior to the elections. Each candidate will make 1-2 posters and give a speech in front of their homeroom class stating why they think they would be a good representative. Votes will be counted and added to the election rubric. The top 10 overall scores will be selected as the grade level's student council members.

5th Grade New Members:

Campaigning will be done the week prior to the elections. Each candidate will make 1-2 posters and give a speech in front of the class stating why they think they would be a good representative. Votes will be counted and added to the election rubric. The top 6 overall scores will be selected as the grade level's NEW student council members.

5th Grade Returning Members:

No campaigning or speeches will be done to continue being a member. Returning members must submit proper paperwork and meet criteria in order to continue being in Student Council.

Officers

Officers must be in 5th Grade. Five officers will be elected from the Council membership:

- 1.) President- Presides at meetings.
- 2.) Vice-President- presides if the President is absent.
- 3.) Secretary- calls roll and takes minutes of the meeting.
- 4.) Treasurer(2)- take care of the school store and set the work calendar

Article Six

Probation or Removal

Members or Officers will be placed on probation for 4 weeks if they are not passing with an 80% or above in all subjects at progress report and report card time. They must also have E or S in conduct.

If they continue not to pass after the reporting period (progress report or report card) they may be removed from their elected position.

They may also be removed if they have more than 3 unexcused absences within a 9 week period.

If a student has missed more than 3 student council meetings without prior notification or excused absence (funeral, illness) it may call for removal.

An automatic removal will take place if a member receives ISS, or any other suspension. Removal may take place for other office referrals which will be based on the decision of advisors and principals.

Also, please see the attached district-wide general Code of Conduct continuum.

Article Seven

Meetings

The meetings will be scheduled by the advisor at least once per month. Meetings will be at 7:30am in the sponsor's classroom (Will typically be on the last Thursday of the Month)

Order of Business

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of minutes
- D. Old business
- E. New business
- F. Adjournment