

CONSTITUTION
of the
BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL
1991

PREAMBLE

As members of the Barrington High School Student Council, we will represent the student body in matters pertaining to school government, uphold a standard of courtesy, scholarship, dependability and leadership, and realize a responsibility for the welfare of the student body.

DECLARATION OF NAME

The name of this organization will be the **Barrington High School Student Council**.

ARTICLE I
OFFICERS

Section 1 There will be five officers: the president, the vice president, the secretary, the treasurer and the publicity chairperson.

Section 2 The duties of the officers are as follows:

- A. The president serves as the presiding officer at all meetings, is directly responsible to the faculty advisor for all actions of the Student Council, opens most general assemblies, and is responsible for activities brought to the council by an outside organization.
- B. The vice president is responsible for all the duties of the president in case of his/her absence. The vice president is also expected to carry out any responsibility the president assigns.
- C. The secretary records the minutes of every meeting and reads the minutes of the previous meeting. The secretary takes care of any necessary correspondence, keeps a record of attendance, and notifies members of termination of membership.
- D. The treasurer is responsible for the accounting of all monies received and paid out and a monthly written report of the treasury. Also, an account of the treasury should be given every week.
- E. The publicity chairperson is responsible for all publicity both within and outside the school.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Class presidents are automatically ex-officio members of the Student Council.
- Section 2 All AFS students are honorary ex-officio members.
- Section 3 There will be a faculty advisor.
- Section 4 There will be eight Student Council members from each class plus an alternate from each class.
- A. Alternates are not eligible to hold the offices of president, vice president, secretary or treasurer.
 - B. Alternates have no voting rights pertaining to any council votes. The alternates may vote only in the absence of one of the eight regular members from his/her class.

ARTICLE III ELECTIONS

- Section 1 The date of elections will be decided on by the Council each year.
- Section 2 Each candidate must file a petition with sixty signatures of fellow classmates. There may be as many candidates as students interested in running. The candidates may prepare a three-minute speech to be delivered to their respective classes, and the next day there will be a primary in which:
- A. Those attaining a majority of class votes means they have automatic membership;
 - B. If more than eight have a majority, the top eight will be taken;
 - C. If there is no majority, then the top half with the highest number of votes will be taken for a run-off the next day;
 - D. The final elections will be held the next day.
- Section 3 All candidates for the presidency must presently be of the junior class. They must file a petition with one hundred and twenty signatures of fellow classmates. Voting will take place the following morning on a secret ballot. If a majority of those voting is not received, a run-off of the top two candidates will be held the next day.
- Section 4 All candidates for the vice presidency must presently be members of the sophomore or junior class and must also obtain one hundred and twenty signatures. The vice president will be elected on the same ballot as the president.

**ARTICLE III
ELECTIONS**

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Section 5 The secretary, treasurer and publicity chairperson will be elected at the first regular meeting of the elected council. All members present at the meeting (including alternates) except for the president may vote.

Section 6 The president may appoint a full member of the council to the position of parliamentarian who will oversee the conduct and adherence to the constitution during council meetings.

**ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS**

Section 1 The date of the first meeting will be decided by the president and the faculty advisor. At this meeting, a vote will be taken to decide upon a day and time for ensuing meetings that are suitable to the majority of the council members. The frequency of meetings will be decided by the president and the faculty advisor.

Section 2 Attendance is mandatory at all meetings unless excused by the faculty advisor. Membership will be revoked if a council member fails to attend five meetings without an excuse, or three consecutive meetings.

Section 3 The procedure of the meetings will be as follows: The president will first call the meeting to order by receiving the reports of the secretary and treasurer. The president will then receive the committee reports and present all business carried over and all new business. Upon conclusion of the business, the president shall adjourn the meeting.

Section 4 Voting procedure for council decisions will be conducted by a show of hands unless otherwise determined by the president at which time, it (the voting) will be carried out on a secret ballot.

Section 5 The president will have the right to postpone voting in cases where the president sees fit.

**ARTICLE V
RESPONSIBILITIES**

Section 1 The Student Council is responsible for conducting activities pertaining to school functions. It will assist any outside organization that may seek help through the school administration.

Section 2 It is the responsibility of council members to represent in the council the ideas of the classes that coincide with the leadership that they have accepted.

**ARTICLE VI
BILL OF RIGHTS**

Section 1

In order to amend this constitution, a committee will be appointed by the president and headed by the vice president with the faculty advisor as an ex-officio member. This committee, after sufficient discussion, will present to the council the formal amendment for a vote. The amendment must be accepted by a two-thirds majority of the total council membership (excluding ex-officio, honorary members and alternates).

Section 2

The Student Council is the only organization the administration must listen to.

**ARTICLE VII
BY LAWS**

Section 1

Procedures for voting on new clubs and organizations desiring school endorsement: The first step is to present a constitution to the Student Council. At this meeting, a discussion will take place on the ?????? of such a club or organization. A vote cannot be taken until the following regularly scheduled meeting at least one full week later.