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All Student Council members:

- MUST display appropriate behavior at all times.
- MUST try to attend all Student Council Meetings and activities.
- MUST show respect towards teachers and fellow classmates.

Student Council members are in a position of leadership in our school. With the position comes the responsibility of setting examples and being positive role models for others. This responsibility must be taken seriously by all Student Council members.

We, the undersigned, have the attached Student Council Constitution/Bi-laws, and are aware of the rules and consequences placed on Student Council members.

Bi-laws go into effect on August 29th, 2016.

We, the undersigned, understand that as a member of the Student Council, each member will serve as a role model to both Baker Elementary School and the community.

We, the undersigned, understand that general meetings will take place after school and as the guardian/parent of child I will provide transportation or arrangements to pick up child at the end of each meeting.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Name (print): _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Name (print): _____ **Date:** _____

Baker Elementary School

Student Council Constitution and Bi-Laws

2016-2017

Student Council Statement:

The purpose of Student Council is to promote pride, spirit, service, and achievement in our school. Student Council members are a part of an elected group of leaders who stand to serve the BES school community. Students from grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th will participate in our Student Council program.

Article (I) Name & Purpose:

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be called “Baker Elementary School” Student Council. (Henceforth to be called the “Student Council”)

Section 2: The Student Council shall meet to organize and carry out school wide activities that are of interest to the students.

Section 3: The Student Council shall create and encourage student enthusiasm through active participation in school activities

Section 4: The Student Council shall maintain a safe and enjoyable learning environment for the school community.

Section 5: The Student Council shall raise money through fund-raising activities to meet their particular goals and on-going school and community projects.

Section 6: The Student Council shall submit all projected programs, events and activities to the school student council advisors: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Hacker, Mrs. Hardin, or principal, Mrs. Broughton for final recommendation and approval.

Article II- Membership

Section 1: Membership will consist of students from “Baker Elementary School”.

Article III- Meetings

Section 1: The Student Council shall meet Mondays from 2:30-3:30, once a month, per dates on schedule emailed to all officers and representatives. Additional schedules can be obtained on request.

Section 2: Every Student Council meeting shall be held in Mrs. Hacker’s classroom (Room 111) unless otherwise announced. In the event a student cannot attend said meeting, it is the responsibility of that student to notify the class alternate to attend in his/her absence. Failure to do so will result as a missed meeting/event, and count as 1 of the 2 allowed absences under Article VII Section 2.

Section 2a: If a student has signed up to attend an event or help with Student Council Store or signed up to help with a fundraiser, and does not notify an advisor of their absence or acquired a member to replace him/her, that absence will count as 1 of the 2 allowed absences under Article VII Section 2.

Section 2b: Alternates are encouraged to help in the Student Council School Store, participate in the sale of fundraisers and attend special events such as Student Council Talent Show and Student Council School Dance. However, attendance at Student Council Meetings is NOT necessary for class alternates unless the class representative cannot attend.

Section 3: The Student Council Advisors may call a special meeting at any time they deem proper.

Section 4: A Representative from each 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade shall relay every meeting’s proposed activities to their respective class.

Article IV- Student Council/ Organization

Section 1: The Student Council shall have one (1) President, one (1) Vice-President, one (1) Secretary, one (1) Sergeant-at-Arms.

Section 2: In the event that no student wishes to run for office, the Principal and the advisors reserve the right to appoint a qualified student to a position.

Section 3: All foregoing executive positions shall be chosen through popular ballot.

Section 4: There shall be one (1) representative and one (1) alternate representative from each class in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. They shall be voted into position by nominations within their own class. They shall be the voice of their representative class.

Section 4a: Once class representatives and alternates are elected by each individual class, the Baker Student Council will conduct its first meeting where student council members will nominate students within the council for office.

Section 4b: The top 3 students nominated for each student council office will move forward to participate in a school election where only 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are allowed to vote for their choice. Nominees are required to make 3 posters to hang anywhere in the school. Nominees are also required to video tape a speech that will be aired on the morning news prior to the election. No candy or campaigning paraphernalia will be allowed to be handed out by nominees during the election.

*Section 5: The **Student Council** shall be responsible for overall direction and accountability of all student activities sponsored by Baker Student Council.*

Section 6: There shall be an adult sponsor/advisor that will assist, monitor and supervise every activity of the Student Council.

*Section 7: **Term**- All **Student Council** officers shall serve for one year, but are eligible for reelection.*

*Section 8: **Quorum**- A quorum must be attended by at least ten (10) members of the Student Council before business or motions can be made or passed.*

Article V- Duties and Responsibilities

*Section 1: **President**: The President will lead Student Council meetings, meet with advisors to plan and implement Student Council activities, sign up to work fund raisers such as the Student Council School Store, work with PTSA, attend Baker Student Council events and perform other duties as assigned.*

*Section 2: **Vice-President**: The Vice-President will assist the President in leading Student Council meetings, sign up to work fund raisers such as the Student Council School Store, meet with advisors to plan and implement Student Council activities, attend Baker Student Council events, and perform other duties as assigned.*

*Section 3: **Secretary**: The Secretary will take minutes of each Student Council meeting, sign up to work fund raisers such as the Student Council School Store, meet with advisors and other officers to prepare agendas for Student Council meetings, attend Baker Student Council events, and perform other duties as assigned.*

*Section 4: **Treasurer**: The Treasurer will report Student Council earnings at every meeting. Although the Treasurer is not allowed to handle money, their job will be to collect data and report back at Student Council meets. The Treasurer will also play a large roll in marketing and fundraising ideas.*

*Section 5: **Class Representatives**: All class representatives will attend meetings; perform activities at each meeting in preparation for upcoming events or fundraisers, sign up to work fund raisers such as the Student Council School Store, and perform any other duties assigned. Class Representatives are also encouraged to attend Baker Student Council events.*

*Section 6: **Alternates**: All class alternates are encouraged to help in all events and fundraisers. Under unique circumstances, alternates may be asked to attend a mandatory Student Council Meeting or Student Council Event. In which case, notices will be sent to parents of all alternates with information.*

*Section 7: **ALL OFFICERS AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**: Must maintain a passing grade in all academic classes.*

Article VI- Vacancies

*Section 1: If a vacancy occurs in the **Student Council**, the executive officers of the Council, working with the advisors, will appoint a qualified student for the position. Such position will only be effective for the remaining balance of the term.*

Article VII- Resignation, Terminations and Absences

*Section 1: Resignation from the **Student Council** shall be made in writing and shall have the approval of the President and Advisor after due deliberations.*

*Section 2: A **Student Council** member shall be dropped from the Council after an accrued two (2) absences from meetings or events. A member may also be removed from office for other reasons by a three fourths vote of the remaining members.*