

Bob Miller Middle School Student Council Constitution

2009-2010

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Bob Miller Middle School Student Council, in order to form a better school environment, plan and include others in school activities, promote school spirit and pride, develop better citizenship by promoting self government, give opportunities for leadership training, and to influence for the better relations between staff and students, do ordain and establish this Constitution of Bob Miller Middle School.

Article I: NAME

The name of this student council is the Bob Miller Middle School Student Council.

Article II: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall consist of:

- One student body president from the 8th grade class
- One student body vice-president from the 8th grade class
- One student body secretary from the 7th or 8th grade class
- One student body treasurer from the 7th or 8th grade class
- One student body historian from the 7th or 8th grade class
- Selected from Leadership Class
- A minimum of 2 representatives from the 7th grade class
- A minimum of 2 representatives from the 8th grade class

Article III: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: *Qualifications*

The president and vice-president must be members of the 8th grade class in good standing, possessing and maintaining an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher (no F's) with citizenship in outstanding or satisfactory standing. Officers **cannot** be placed on Required Parent Conference (RPC), suspension, or expulsion due to violating school or district rules during their 8th grade year.

The secretary, treasurer, and historian must be members of the 7th or 8th grade class in good standing, possessing and maintaining an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher with citizenship in outstanding or satisfactory standing. Officers cannot be placed on Required Parent Conference (RPC) due to violating school or district rules during their elected year.

SECTION 2: *Duties*

The president shall hold the title of Student Body President and shall represent the student body at school in civic events and meetings, conduct all student council meetings, supervise the functions of the

other officers, work with administrators, advisors, and representatives in preparing a workable year-long calendar and budget, take an active part in school activities, voice student concerns to faculty and administrators, and give a periodic report to the student body.

The vice president shall hold the title of Student Body Vice-President and shall be prepared to preside over student council meetings or perform other duties in the absence of the President, attend various meetings either with or in the place of the President, assume leadership role in promoting attendance, work behind the scenes to help iron out differences between people, and to assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary.

The secretary shall hold the title of Student Body Secretary and shall be prepared to take and report minutes of general and officer meetings, be in charge of reports and maintain accurate records.

The treasurer shall hold the title of Student Body Treasurer and shall be prepared to work with the President and Advisors on the budget, maintain a financial statement, count and report all monies received, help coordinate fundraising projects, and make timely reports concerning the budget.

The historian shall hold the title of Student Body Historian and shall be prepared to capture pictorially and written accounts of all key school and student council events.

SECTION 3: *Elections*

Elections of officers shall be overseen by the advisors and the administration of Bob Miller Middle School.

Any member of the Leadership Class may run for officer provided he or she meets the following qualifications and criteria:

Students must possess a GPA of 3.0 with no F's at the end of the last grading period

Students must possess outstanding or satisfactory citizenship

Students must not have been placed on Required Parent Conference (RPC), suspension or expulsion due to violating school or district rules the current school year

Students must turn in a typed letter of intent on or before the established due date.

Any member of the leadership class may be selected for class representative.

After completion of the filing procedure as established above, the students name shall be added to the list of candidates. Officers of the student council should be elected by a vote of the entire student body and campaign speech which will be evaluated. The school-wide election will determine the officers. Officers shall take office the week following the election and serve for the remainder of the school year.

SECTION 4: *Removal of Office/Probationary Period*

If at the end of any quarter, an officer fails to maintain a 3.0 GPA or above he or she shall be placed on academic probation for the following four weeks. During this time he or she shall have all rights and duties of a student council member. If the officer does not have a 3.0 GPA or above at the end of the probationary period, he or she, shall be removed from student council. If at the end of any quarter **any officer receives an F**, he or she shall be removed from student council.

If a student body officer is placed on Required Parent Conference(RPC), suspension or expulsion due to violating school or district rules, the officer will be removed from office and student council immediately.

If a student body officer fails to attend daily leadership class or scheduled activities, the officer will be placed on a two week probation. If at the end of this probation period, the officer has not improved his/her attendance, **they shall be removed from office**. The student may remain an active member of the student council.

All officers must be actively involved in the student council and leadership class. They are the leaders and must be at every activity to guide and direct the class members in order to maintain their office.

SECTION 5: *Vacancies*

Should a vacancy occur in the office of president during the school term, the vice-president shall take over the position of president. In the event of other vacancies, the process of filling the vacancies will be at the discretion of the principal, student council officers and the advisors.

Article IV: **REPRESENTATIVES**

SECTION 1: *Qualifications*

For a student to be eligible to serve on the student council, he or she must be in good class standing, possessing and maintaining an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher (no F's) with citizenship in outstanding or satisfactory standing. Representatives cannot be placed on Required Parent Conference (RPC), suspension, or expulsion due to violating school or district rules during the school year. All representatives must be a member of the leadership class.

SECTION 2: **Duties**

The representatives shall attend all meetings, and activities, make reports of student council activities to their peers, and shall bring comments and suggestions from their peers to the council.

SECTION 3: **Removal of Non-Officers**

The student council may remove a representative for failure to meet qualifications or neglect of duty. If at the end of any quarter, a representative fails to maintain a 3.0 GPA or above, he or she shall be placed on academic probation for the following four weeks. During this time he or she shall have all rights and duties of a student council member. If the representative does not have a 3.0 GPA or above at the end of the probationary period, he or she shall be removed from student council. If at the end of any quarter any representative receives an F, he or she shall be removed from student council.

If a representative is placed on Required Parent Conference (RPC), suspension or expulsion due to violating school or district rules, he or she will be removed from student council immediately.

All student council members must be actively involved in the student council and leadership class to maintain membership.

Article V: MEETING TIMES

Leadership class will be held every school day from 1:20 – 2:15. This is a class guided by the Clark County School District Leadership curriculum. Letter grades and citizenship will be earned and attendance is mandatory. Special meetings may be called by the president with the approval of the administration or advisors. The advisor, with the approval of the administration, shall have the power to postpone or reschedule meetings. Participation in no more than 4 evening activities per quarter may be required.

Article VI: ADVISORS

The Bob Miller Student Council will have, at minimum, one faculty advisor. The council will also have the direct support of the school administrators.

Article VII: AUTHORITY OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of Bob Miller Middle School has the power to veto any decision made by the student council. The administration also has the authority to decide on all questions not provided for by the constitution of the council. Final authority is given to the administration as to the meaning of any part of the constitution.

PRINT First and Last Name _____

I have read the Miller Middle School 2009-2010 Student Council Constitution.

I agree to follow the Student Council Constitution and will abide by any decisions made related to the rules and guidelines stated.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Please return this portion signed and dated to Mrs. Teemant by August 28, 2009.