

CONSTITUTION OF THE LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Lakeshore Elementary School, in order to provide a body to serve this institution's students and faculty, and to provide a forum for the democratic process to be exercised, and a high standard of work, activities, and conduct, and to cooperate fully with the faculty in developing citizenship and securing the welfare of all students, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Lakeshore Elementary School Student Council.

ARTICLE I: Purposes

Section 1. The purpose of the Lakeshore Student Council shall be to provide opportunity for student participation in student leadership roles; promote harmonious relationships among students and faculty; to assist in the management of the school; allow students an opportunity to express their opinions; exemplify good citizenship and scholarship; and provide orderly direction of school activities.

ARTICLE II: Name, Colors and Mascot

Section 1. The name of the organization to be governed by this constitution shall be the Lakeshore Elementary Student Council (LSE STUCO).

Section 2. The name of the organization charged with governing this constitution shall be the Lakeshore Elementary School Student Council Members.

Section 3. The official school colors shall be black and gold.

Section 4. The official school mascot shall be the Leopard.

Section 5. The Student Council Members shall be known as AGENTS:

Awareness of Issue

Gathering Information

Empowering Others

Negotiating and Navigating Pathways for Change

Take Action

Speaking Out

ARTICLE III: Power and authority.

Section 1. All powers of the Student Council are derived from and delegated to it by the Advisors of Lakeshore Elementary School's STUCO, which has final jurisdiction over all activities.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1. The Lakeshore School Student Council AGENTS shall consist of twenty pupils from grade five.

Section 2. The AGENTS elected (described in Article V) shall constitute the Student Council.

ARTICLE V: Members and Duties

Section 1. The elected AGENTS of the Lakeshore Elementary Student Council shall be treated equally in regards to participation and roles/duties.

Section 2. The duties of the STUCO AGENTS shall be to:

- a. Preside over and conduct the leadership meetings of the Student Council.
- b. Set an appropriate example for correct parliamentary procedure and other meeting skills.
- c. Vote on any matter in which the AGENTS are debating.
- d. Appoint members to committees.
- e. Represent the Lakeshore Student Body when necessary.
- f. Keep accurate and up-to-date minutes of all official meetings of the Student Council.
- g. Read the minutes for approval at each regular meeting of the Student Council.
- h. Write correspondence for the Student Council when needed.
- i. Maintain historical account of the major monthly happenings of the Lakeshore Elementary STUCO.
- j. Oversee Campus Clean-Up.
- k. Conduct Individual Initiative Projects (for example: Red Ribbon Week Activities, Canned Food Drive, STUCO Fundraising Efforts...).
- l. Oversee school beautification.

ARTICLE VI: Qualifications for AGENTS:

Section 1. Any registered student at Lakeshore Elementary School who has attended for at least two weeks shall be eligible for election to the Student Council, with the following stipulations:

Section 2. A STUCO AGENT must be a student in good standing with a conduct record of a "Proficient" average, and a satisfactory scholastic record of "C" (75%) average or greater, as evidenced by the previous year's report card grades.

ARTICLE VII: Nomination, Election, and Installation of AGENTS.

Section 1. Students wishing to run for a STUCO AGENT position must complete a Student Council Application. This must be filled out in its entirety, complete with parent signature and returned to your homeroom teacher on or before the designated due date.

Section 2. A student desiring to run for an AGENT position must successfully pass (70% or better) a test of the Lakeshore Elementary School Constitution.

Section 3. Students wishing to run for a STUCO AGENT position must obtain a STUCO Teacher Recommendation form from the Advisors. This must be filled out and returned to your homeroom teacher, bearing the signature of the recommending teacher, on or before the designated due date.

Section 4. STUCO AGENT Candidates must prepare and present a 1 minute speech. Candidates must attend and speak during the preview round of speeches as well as on Election Day.

Section 5. The time, date, and place of the election will be prescribed by the Council Advisors.

Section 6. Votes will be cast by secret ballot in the classroom after the campaign speeches have been given. Voters must register before Election Day. Voter registration will take place during recesses the week of Elections.

Section 7. The ballots will be counted by a committee selected by the Council Advisors. No ballots will be accepted after the count has begun.

- Section 8. A majority vote is required for election. In case of a tie vote, a special election will be held.
- Section 9. AGENTS shall be formally installed during the week after the election.

ARTICLE VIII: Term of Office, Vacancies, and Recall.

- Section 1. A term of office shall be for the duration of the current school year.
- Section 2. Student Council AGENTS shall conduct themselves personally and scholastically so as to bring credit to the position held and to Lakeshore Elementary School.
- Section 3. If there is an AGENTS vacancy, it shall be filled by students appointed by the Student Council with the advice and approval of the Council Advisors. These appointed members shall serve until the next regular election.
- Section 4. An AGENT shall be removed from a term of office for inefficiency or for failure to maintain the qualifications listed in Article VI and with the approval of the Council Advisors.
- Section 5. An officer may also be removed from office at the request of the District Superintendent or Principal of Lakeshore Elementary School. Conduct and scholastic performance does affect Student Council Membership.

ARTICLE IX: Quorum, Meetings, and Advisors

- Section 1. A quorum for a Student Council meeting shall consist of two-thirds of the membership of the AGENTS and the STUCO Advisors.
- Section 2. The Student Council shall meet at least monthly, and shall be governed by the Advisors.
- Section 3. Student Council meetings will be held after school hours.
- Section 4. The AGENTS shall meet when requested to by the Student Council Advisors.
- Section 5. The Student Council Advisors are the official advisors to the Student Council.

ARTICLE X: Committees

- Section 1. The standing committee of the Student Council shall be the Election Committee. The Election Committee holds voter registration and assists with the election. AGENTS may join the Election Committee on a volunteer basis.
- Section 2. Special committees may be appointed as necessary.

ARTICLE XI: Adoption and Amendments

- Section 1. This constitution shall be ratified by a majority vote of the Student Council AGENTS.
- Section 2. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of the Student Council, the faculty, or administration and ratified by a majority vote of the Student Council.
- Section 3. Proposed amendments must be read to the Council at one regular meeting, and be voted upon by the Council at the following regular meeting.