

The Constitution of the Hill-Murray School Student Council

Article 1

Council Title

The name of this organization will be the Hill-Murray School Student Council.

Article 2

Mission Statement

1. To encourage, promote, and model C.L.A.S.S., Christian Values, Lifelong Learning, Academic Excellence, Spiritual Growth, and Social Development
2. To strive for better relationships between faculty, students, parents, and the overall Hill-Murray School community
3. To be committed to involve the school and its community in activities that are productive, enjoyable, and expressive
4. To assume leadership roles and responsibilities in order to be the voice for the entire student body

Article 3

Representation

1. The entire student body of Hill-Murray will be represented in the Student Council by six officers for the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen class, and two officers from grades seven and eight. These representatives are elected by a popular vote from their peers, and an interview process.
2. Each Student Council representative will be elected on the basis of leadership, enthusiasm for school affairs, a sense of honor and courtesy, and the courage to uphold what is right at all times.
3. Candidates must complete an Intent-to-Run form. This includes signatures from all current teachers, the dean of students, a parent or guardian, and the candidate. Candidates are given the opportunities of a speech in front of their peers, a written platform distributed to their peers, and an interview from the current executive board.

4. If a member resigns or is dismissed, it is to the discretion of the council to vote on whether to elect a new member through a new election process.

Article 4

Privileges and Responsibilities

1. Attendance: Attendance at all meetings and events is required. Should an exception need to be made, the representative must notify the President or Advisor 24 hours before the event
2. Lettering: Attendance of 75% of all collective meetings and earning at least 30 hours of work in the Council
3. Meetings: Members must attend all full Council, and designated committee meetings. A representative may be brought before the review board after two unexcused absences. It is up to the discretion of a committee chairperson and/or an executive board member to refer any member not meeting committee requirements and/or other requirements to the Student Council review board for possible dismissal
4. Academic Progress: Representatives must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 and not earn a failing grade in any one class: if either of these requirements are not met at each quarter, the member will face a suspension of three weeks, or until the grade has been raised to an acceptable grade. The punishment of any other academic or behavioral problem will be at the discretion of the advisor and review board
5. Rules and Procedures: Members must represent their class and follow the rules and procedures stated in this constitution
6. Behavior: To abide by the rules set by the behavioral form signed at the beginning of each member's term. The following actions can result in immediate dismissal from the Student Council without a review board.
 - A. Consumption of alcohol or drug use at any time
 - B. Fighting
 - C. Cheating of any kind
 - D. Disrespect towards faculty and staff
 - E. Destruction of school property (including homecoming/senior pranks)
 - F. Any arrest by the police

Article 5

Powers and Duties of Executive Board Members, Representative Officers, and Advisor

The Class Representative

- Listen to other students and bring their ideas, concerns, and suggestion to the meetings
- To be a liaison between their class and the Student Council
- To complete tasks when asked and help others when needed

The President

- Preside over all meetings of the Student Council and Executive Board
- Direct the work of the Student Council
- Vote in the case of a tie in the Council
- Appoint chairpersons and committee members throughout the year
- Preside over all meetings of the Review Board (Executive Board) in regards to the possible removal of a Student Council Member
- Write and publish agendas for all meetings
- Attend or send a representative to all Board of Trustee meetings
- Should, if at all possible, secure one hour of the school day to be present in the Student Council office.
- Must be a Junior or Senior
- Must have at least one year of experience on Student Council prior to running for this position.

The Vice-President

- Preside over all meetings of the Student Council, Executive Board, and Review Board when the President is absent or upon request of the President
- Carry out all duties delegated to him/her by the President
- Act as advisor to Middle School representatives, and meet with them twice per month

The Secretary

- Next in line of succession
- Records the minutes of all Student Council meetings
- Maintain attendance records for all Student Council meetings, and report any attendance issues to Executive Board
- Write or appoint someone to write articles for the Happenings, and Pioneers' Press as requested
- Maintain the Student Council bulletin board

The Treasurer

- Work with Student Council advisor to insure an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures
- Sign off on all expenditures over \$100.00
- Submit monthly statements of financial account to the Council

The Student Life Director

- Preside over all Student Life Committee meetings
- Address issues of the student's interest, and the school's functioning
- Organize and carry out fall and spring elections

The Activities Director

- Preside over all Activity Committee meetings
- Act as coordinator for all Council social events

The Service Director

- Preside over all Service Committee meetings
- Act as coordinator for all Council service events

The Advisor

- Oversee all activity of the Student Council
- Set up contracted events
- Review and sign all proposals
- Sign all check requests
- Supervise all Student Council events
- Serve as an adult contact person
- Advise all Student Council members
- Has the power to veto any decisions or proposals
- Has final decisions on which member

Article 6**Standing Committees**

1. Activities Committee-Coordinate all social events. These events include: Homecoming Semi-Formal, mixer, movie nights, coffee houses, etc. The Activities Director presides over all meetings.
2. Student Life Committee- Addresses issues of the students interest and the school's functioning. Past issues include: passing time, uniform changes, and water fountains. The Student Life Director presides over all meetings.
3. Service Committee- Coordinate and manage all service projects of the Student Council. Service events include: Thanksgiving food drive, blood

drive, and events for the Student Council members. The Service Director presides over the meetings.

Article 7

The Election Process

1. Each candidate must complete the necessary forms provided. The forms must be completed and turned in on time, in order to run.
2. Each candidate has the option to interview with the current Executive Board at an assigned time.
3. Each candidate has the options to give a speech before their class.
4. Each candidate has the option to give a speech and have an interview.
5. After the new council has been chosen, Executive Board members will be elected within the Council. In the case of a tie, the tying candidates for that position will give another speech and the whole Council will revote.
6. The Advisor has 3-4 votes in the Executive Board elections, whichever makes the total number of votes an odd number.
7. Grades seven, eight, and nine will be elected in the fall of each school year, after Homecoming week. Grades ten, eleven, and twelve are elected in the spring of the previous school year, after Spring Fling week.

Article 8

Amendments to the Constitution

1. In order to amend any part of the Constitution, the change must be addressed and discussed within the Council.
2. It must pass with a two-thirds vote.
3. All amendments to the Constitution must be written or typed in a formal request and reviewed by the Advisor and President before being brought to the Council for a vote. The Advisor has the power to veto the request for the amendment.