

Student Senators Program

Sponsored by the Fletcher Middle School PTSA

What is it?

The Student Senators are FMS PTSA student members who would like to get involved in PTSA and student government activities. After all, the "S" in PTSA does stand for students.

Who is eligible?

Any student who has joined the PTSA. Please note that the school administration reserves the right to deny enrollment in the Student Senators program for students with discipline or grade issues.

What will the Student Senators do?

The group will be participating in student government elections, selecting students to serve on the PTSA and SAC and offering input into the school improvement plan and other issues. The group will also participate in school improvement projects and implement service projects for the community.

What do you have to do to sign up?

Bring this form home to your parents or adult guardians and ask them to read it carefully. Our official meetings will be held during the school day but some of the activities may not so your parents will need to give you permission to possibly stay after school or even come in on an occasional Saturday to participate in Student Senator Activities. Please note that you must be an active member of this group to earn the privilege of missing class for meetings or other events. You will receive advance notice of any activities during "out of school" time but it will be your responsibility to make sure that you tell your parents ahead of time.

Student Senators will be expected to do the following:

- 1) Attend Student Senator meetings a few times per year.
- 2) Participate in any community service projects. Please note that this may involve some time outside of school - either after school or on weekends. Supervision during these events will be provided by volunteers either from the PTSA or by teachers volunteering their time outside of school hours. Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly at the designated time.
- 3) Students will be granted release time from class to attend meetings if they fulfill the first two requirements. If a student is interested and misses the first meeting due to an excused absence from school - he or she may still be eligible to participate if they participate in the community service project.

Enrollment Form

Special Note: If you joined the Student Senators last year and would like to renew your membership, you can submit this form without a parent signature.

Name: _____ Grade: 6 7 8 Team: _____

Phone and/or Email: _____

Both parent and student should sign below to indicate that you have read this document and that you agree to fulfill the Student Senator responsibilities. A parent signature is required for participation. Thank you.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES

You may place your posters and begin official campaigning on Monday, October 29, 2007. Campaign will run one school week (Monday, October 29 through Monday, November 5)

1. Two posters may be hung in the front hall near the cafeteria, tags, and badges must be handmade and be positive in content. They may be made on the computer at home. **Badges, pins, etc must not exceed the size of a 3 x 5 index card. NO stickers.**
2. No edible objects such as gum or candy may be used as campaign materials.
3. All campaign materials must be approved by the Student Council Advisors (Mrs. James, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. O'Connell)
4. Campaign speeches will be made by the candidates prior to the voting. Each candidate will be introduced by selected school personnel. Speeches are not to exceed 3 minutes in length.
5. Candidates are responsible for the removal of their posters.
6. Distribution of campaign material must not disrupt class.
7. Campaign expenses must not exceed 10.00. Keep all receipts in case your expenses are called into question.

SPEECHES

1. Three minute maximum for Presidential candidates. Two minute maximum for all other offices.
2. Speeches must be approved by Student Council Mentors by Friday, November 2.
3. Making promises that you have no authority to enact will result in the candidate being withdrawn from the election.

VOTING PROCEDURES

1. Voting will take place on **Tuesday, November 6** in the designated polling places.

2. Voting will be by secret ballot.
3. Only ballots which are correctly marked will be counted.
4. The winner will be the candidate who receives the most votes for the office.
5. Sponsors will count the votes.
6. All students will be eligible to vote.

ELIGIBILITY

You must be a member of the PTSA and the Student Senators program to be eligible to run for office. Because of the importance of student council officers as role models, we have created additional eligibility standards of which the candidates must adhere to:

Grades: Students must not have received a grade below a "C" for the last two semesters of their last school year. *Students who apply for office with a "C-" or less in one given subject may seek office with a written recommendation from a teacher, which must be included with the application.

Citizenship: Students must not have received more than 2 detentions and must never have been subjected to ISSP.

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ELECTED AND DO NOT FULFILL THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Grades: While in Student Council if a student receives a progress report stating that the student is struggling in a subject, they will be placed on probation. They will have until the grade report following the progress report to show some improvement. ** If students don't maintain a "C" average, they will be removed from office.

Citizenship: If, while in Student Council, an officer receives 2 detentions the student will be removed from office, subject to review by teachers, student council advisors and administrators at their discretion.

Please return the Intent to Declare Candidacy Form to the 7th/8th Grade office no later than Monday, October 29. You must turn in the form BEFORE you begin your campaign. And it must be signed by Mrs. James to approve your participation in the elections.

Student Council Elections

The Student Council

- Develops leadership skills among students
- Promotes school spirit and pride
- Sets a positive school environment
- Encourages learning experiences for everyone
- Creates publicity about student events and ideas (informs, excites and explains)
- Communicates student opinion about important issues
- Builds communication with all student groups and serves as the voice of the students, in the community and with other schools as well
- Solves problems and makes decisions using student input
- Sponsors events that enrich school life.
- Sponsors social, academic, seasonal and special happenings

OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

President, "The Leader"

- Plans and conducts meetings
- Works hard to keep people active and involved
- Works with the advisor, the other officers, and the principal.
- Represents the Student Body
- A good president is a motivator, an inspirer, a manager, and a teacher.
- The president is the one officer who must have the "big picture."
- Help the organization stay "on target" by setting time aside in meetings to review what the group said it wants to do and to evaluate progress.
- Finally, keep in mind that you will be successful if you model the kind of behavior you want from others. As a leader, your actions are highly visible to others. By planning ahead, listening, organizing, and keeping your commitments, you will inspire others to do the same.

Vice President, "The Mover"

- Is the chief helper of the president
- Presides at meetings if the president is absent
- Coordinate the work of committees
- Heds important committees
- It is important that the VP be as well informed as the president.
- You must be prepared to assume more responsibility if needed.

-A key task could be "coordinator of committees." You would:

- Meet with all the committee heads
- Keep a record of projects delegated to committees
- Keep a list of each committee's deadline

Recording Secretary, "The Recorder"

- Keeps reports and records
- Handles letters and notices
- Collects written motions
- Record and distribute minutes of meetings
- Prepare agendas for meetings
- Set up mailboxes for each officer and student council representative
- Read the minutes during council meetings

Treasurer, "The Money Manager"

- Handles funds, keeps records and receipts, and delivers money to the School Treasurer.
- Be the primary student involved in preparing the annual budget
- Present the proposed budget to Student Council for adoption
- Maintain financial records for meetings of Student Council
- Coordinate fundraising projects of the Student Body
- Careful bookkeeping is the key to financial responsibility for the Student Council

Grade Level Representative for Student Council, PTSA and SAC

- Represents the lower grades with their concerns at meetings.

CAMPAIGN SLOGANS

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Here are some of the best campaign slogans....

George W. Bush - Republican Party; Al Gore - Democratic Party; Dustin Bartels - Toga Party

"Making the World a Better Place Since (Year of Birth); Vote (Name) for (Office Position)."

Taking Action, Getting Results

ENERGY ENTHUSIASM EXCELLENCE

If you want the best, you have to vote for the best

"Choose the Chicks!" ; (for female friends running together.)

BUSH:GORE:last name; THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Lancers, Lancers, what's your cry? C-H-R-I-S-S-Y! Chrissy Waltner for Freshman class secretary!

Don't be ditzzy, vote for Bitsy

"So did you do it?" I mean Vote you sicko

Put your money where my math is and vote _____ for treasurer!

Move your paw; Bite your jaw; Vote for Rina Shaw

More with us than with who ever they are.

"Victoria's Real Secret: She Votes for (Name)."

Vote Brentos get free Mentos!

cast your vote for Emily Fischer

Vote for Jones! It's easier than thinking!

One Goal.; One Passion. Albert Lopez.

"If Voting for Me is WRONG, then You Don't Want to be RIGHT!"

Don't forget...Vote for Juliette

Be Narly - Vote Carly

Vote for Ash and she'll deal with your cash

Everyone sez Erica for prez

three candidates? who said anything about three candidates?

unique, you need!

If You Want A Student Council Thats Really Great, Use Your Brain And Vote For Kate!

We were Born in the 80's.. ... so vote for us, ladies.

If you want success, vote for the best (Insert Name Here)

Got Jordan? She does a student body good.

You want a better school? Vote for me!

A semi-formal ticket: \$10

Good DJs: \$1000

Decorations for the dance: \$50

Having fun at all the dances this year: Priceless

Vote Nicole for your Dance and Social Rep.

Chris Herring- A Good Catch for Student Council

Dont be a slob, vote for Bob

putting teens first!

Show Me The Money

Vote For Me For Treasurer

Say it with a smile=)...

...and vote for Kate Nelson

Vote For Bill, We've all done something stupid.