

Student Council Application

Student Council Members are students who are elected to serve as leaders at Sharon in a variety of ways. Once elected to the Student Council, members will meet once a month as a whole council to discuss ideas and opportunities for Sharon Elementary. Officers will have an additional meeting once a month.

Student Name: _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

I understand that as a Student Council Member I am expected to:

- Maintain good attendance
- Complete all class assignments
- Maintain satisfactory grades
- Serve as a role model
- Assist other students
- Follow school rules
- Honor my commitment to serve as a Student Council Member for the school year

I understand that I may be placed on probation or removed for failing to maintain my commitment or acting in a manner that is not consistent with the above expectations. I know that a conference with the counselor will be conducted if this becomes necessary. I know I can come to the counselor with any questions or problems at any time.

If elected I hereby agree to conduct myself in an appropriate manor as a Student Council Member. I will take an active part in the Student Council. I will follow all expectations and rules for being on Student Council.

Student Signature _____

By signing below, I understand that I am agreeing to have my student participate in the student council election. If elected, s/he will attend monthly meetings starting at 7:20 on Tuesdays (twice a month for officers).

Parent Signature _____

Teacher Signature _____

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Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

Essay:

On a separate piece of paper, please explain:

1. Why do you want to be a Student Council Representative or Officer?
2. What qualities do you have that will make you a successful Student Council Representative/Officer?
3. What ideas do you have for the Student Council? Attach your essay to this application. This will serve as your speech during elections. **Speeches should be no more than two minutes.**

Please return to the counselor by: Tuesday, September 18th at 2:20.

*Late applications will not be accepted.

Student Council Candidate Information Sheet

Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to become a candidate for the Sharon Elementary Student Council!

There are several ways in which you can participate in the student council. If you are a fifth grader, you are eligible to run for an officer position. Those include the offices of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Students in grades 3 – 5 are eligible to run for Room Representative. There will be one Room Representative and one Alternate from each classroom.

Duties and Responsibilities:

President – The president of the student council should be a student who possesses leadership, organizational and time-management skills. The president should also be personable, flexible and willing to work with a variety of students, teachers, administrators and parents. The president will be responsible for leading student council meetings and will also attend monthly officer meetings.

Vice-President – The vice-president of the student council should be a student who possesses leadership, organizational and time-management skills. The vice-president should also be personable, flexible and willing to work with a variety of students, teachers, administrators and parents. The vice-president will lead student council meetings in the absence of the president and will also attend monthly officer meetings.

Secretary – The secretary of the student council should be a student who possesses excellent note-taking and communication skills. The secretary will be responsible for keeping minutes during officer meetings and student council meetings. He / she will type up the agenda for the student council meeting and will also attend monthly officer meetings.

Treasurer – The treasurer of the student council should be a student who possesses excellent math and accounting skills. He / she should also have organizational and time-management skills. The treasurer will be responsible for the financial activities of the council, including keeping accurate records of all money transactions. He / she will attend monthly officer meetings.

Room Representative – The room representative of the student council should be a student who is very responsible, personable and possesses desirable classroom behaviors. He / she will attend monthly student council meetings. Each room representative will be assigned to a K – 2 classroom in which to share information discussed at the meeting. There will also be one alternate elected in each class to serve as the representative in his or her absence. The alternate will visit the K-2 classroom with the room representative.

Each candidate will write a short election speech, no longer than two minutes. Room Representative candidates will share their speech with their class. Officer candidates (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) will share their speech at an assembly for fourth and fifth grade classes.

Guidelines:

When writing your speech...

- Tell about yourself, family, etc...
- Tell about your characteristics that would make you the best person for the office. (ex.- I take good notes. I enjoy planning and organizing. I have good ideas.)
- Give any ideas that you have for the student council. (Check with the student council sponsor, Mrs. Shariett, or your teacher to make sure that your ideas are possible.)

Officer candidates may hang one poster in the hallway by the cafeteria. Please do not hang any posters on the red poles. Make sure that your posters are neat and that all words are spelled correctly. Have your poster initialed by Mrs. Shariett or your teacher prior to hanging it up in the hallway.

Officer candidates may also make up to 30 individual badges, made from paper, and are no larger than 3" X 5" for students to wear or hand out. **No other handouts or items, such as candy, are permitted.**

You must be able to keep up with your academics with a "B" average.

- Third grade = 3 or better, S for conduct
- Fourth grade = 3 or better, 80% or better, S for conduct
- Fifth grade = 3 or better, B average, E for conduct

Important Dates:

OFFICER CANDIDATES:

Tuesday, September 18th – Candidate Applications are due (speech, poster & badges)

Monday, September 24th – Officer Candidates may hang their poster in the hallway by the Media Center

Friday, September 28th – Assembly for 4th and 5th grades to hear officer speeches @ 8:00 in the

Cafeteria (**if you are absent your speech will not be read but your name will still appear on the ballot**)

Friday, September 28th – Election of officers

Tuesday, October 2nd – First Officer Meeting, 7:20-7:55 Mrs. Shariett's room

ROOM REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES:

Room Representative candidates (grades 3 - 5) -Campaigning is left to the discretion of the teacher.

September 27th will give their speech to their class on Thursday. - Classes vote for Room Representative

Friday, September 28th – Winners will be announced

Tuesday, October 16th – First Student Council Meeting, 7:20-7:55 Mrs. Shariett's room

Wednesday, October 17th – Room Representatives & Alternates report to partner class @ 7:45 (each Wednesday morning following the Student Council Meeting)

Good luck! You are all winners for taking this opportunity. I am proud of all of you!

Mrs. Shariett

School Counselor

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