

# **OLINDA STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

**We, the students of Olinda Elementary School, in order to have a more representative student body and to improve school spirit, establish this constitution.**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

**The name of this organization shall be the Olinda Student Council.**

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

**The purpose of this Student Council will be to represent the student body, promote school spirit, encourage good sportsmanship and citizenship, and ensure equal rights for all students and to establish an organization to practice self government.**

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**Only students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades are eligible to vote. All students enrolled in Olinda School shall be members of the student body.**

## **ARTICLE IV – STUDENT OFFICERS**

**The general officers, of the Student Council shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Environmental Chairperson and Activities Historian. Other officers shall include two representatives from each classroom, fourth through sixth grade.**

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES**

**Section II All students running for offices or homeroom representatives shall meet the following requirements:**

- A. They shall be good citizens (no “N”s or “U”s on trimester report cards.**
- B. They should be able to speak before a group.**
- C. They shall have a “C” average or better in all subjects (no “D”s or “F”s on trimester report cards.**
- D. They should be participating in school activities.**
- E. If academic or citizenship grades fall below the standard stated above, the student will be placed on probation for two Student Council meetings or one month. During probation the student will not participate in Student Council activities.**

- F. If grades remain below an acceptable level for more than one tri-semester the student may be removed from the student council position at the discretion of the Principal, the Student Council Advisor, and the student’s teacher.**
- G. If a student leaves or is removed from the Student Council, the general officers, with the advice of the Advisor, will appoint a replacement student.**

**Section II**

**TERM OF OFFICE:**

- A. The term of office for general officers and classroom representatives will be one semester.**
- B. The term of office for the room representatives shall be one mid 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.**

**Section I**

**ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS**

- A. The election of officers will be held in the month of September and one at the end of January.**
- B. Each person who is a candidate for office may make up to a four minute speech on “Why I Should Be Elected” to be presented at our first Student Council election meeting.**

**Section II**

- A. Homeroom representatives will be elected two times a year by their homeroom classrooms.**
- B. These elections shall be held in September following the general election and again in February following always before the first council meeting of the new mid 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester.**

**ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS & HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Section I**

- A. The President shall be a sixth grade student.**
- B. The President shall preside over all council meetings and all school flag assemblies.**

- Section II** The Vice President shall be a fifth or sixth grade student and shall preside over the council in the President's absence.
- Section III** The Council Secretary shall be a fourth thru sixth grade student and shall take the minutes of all meetings and keep record of attendance.
- Section IV** The Treasurer shall be a fourth thru sixth grade student and shall keep records of all student body funds and shall make a budget report at all meetings.
- Section V** The Activities Historian shall be a fourth thru sixth grade student and shall be in charge of all clean-up campaigns.
- Section VI** The Homeroom Representatives shall be chosen one per class, where K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are represented.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – STUDENT BODY FUNDS**

- Section I** The Principal of the school shall be accountable for the body monies.
- Section II** Checks shall be written according to established procedures.
- Section III** Two signatures shall be required on each check.
- Section IV** Each purchase must be approved by the student council and recorded in the minutes.
- Section V** Student body funds shall be audited annually.

#### **ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS**

**The Student Council shall meet monthly, date and time to be set by Advisor.**

#### **ARTICLE X – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS AND RATIFICATION**

**The Constitution shall be amended or ratified by a 2/3 majority of the student Council.**

**REVISED/AMENDED MARCH 2010**

