

# Great Western Student Council

## **The purpose of Student Council:**

- To develop positive attitudes and to practice good citizenship.
- To promote good relations throughout the entire school.
- To improve student and faculty relationships.
- To improve school morale and general welfare.
- To provide a forum for student expression.
- To plan special events or projects.

Benefits of being involved in Student Council include: an opportunity to improve reading and writing skills, gain experience in public speaking, and learn how to make a positive impact on school and community environment. In addition, Student Council is as a chance for students to meet new friends and work with a variety of people.

## **Qualities of a Good Student Council Member**

Being a Student Council member is a lot of fun; it is also a big responsibility.

Good leaders, those who perform such a task, are people who:

- \*are willing and able to speak in front of large audiences
- \*are good listeners
- \*are fair and honest
- \*complete all assignments
- \*follow all class and school rules
- \*work independently
- \*attend school regularly

If you possess the qualities listed above, chances are you will make an excellent Student Council member.

## **Officers**

### ***The President: 5<sup>th</sup> Grader only***

“The Leader”; Plans and conducts meetings; appoints committee chairs and members; works hard to keep people active and involved; works with the advisor, the principal and other officers

### ***The Vice-President: 3rd-5th***

“The Mover”; is the chief assistant to the President; runs meetings when President is absent; heads important committees

### ***The Secretary: 3rd-5th***

“The Recorder”; takes the minutes of the meetings; takes attendance at the meetings

### ***The Treasurer: 3rd-5th***

“The Money Manager”; keeps track of student council funds; consults with the school secretary about finances involving the council

### **Rules for the Election**

- No co-officers for any position.
- Each candidate may make no more than one 22x28” handmade poster. They will be placed in the cafeteria. Poster board will be provided.
- Speeches shall be no longer than 1 minute in length and they must be original and in good taste. Speeches must be approved by advisors no later than two days prior to election day.
- Distribution of tags, buttons, candy, gum, T-shirts, etc. shall not be allowed.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Learning Director for approval based on specific behavioral criteria.

### **Removal From Office**

Any officer or representative may be removed from office by school administration (Principal, Learning Director, Student Council Advisors) for poor attendance at Council meetings, failure to perform required/requested duties, unsatisfactory academic performance, or failure to follow school rules or class rules.

### **Meetings**

Student Council meetings shall take place at least once a month to conduct the business of the council. The Student Council membership will decide each year the appropriate meeting dates and times.