



Student Council Elections

Any student who is currently enrolled at Free Horizon Montessori and will be in 4th through 8th grade in the 2018-2019 school year is eligible to run for the Executive Board. The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Campaigning Guidelines

Campaigning items that are **allowed**:

Posters

Candidates may make one large poster or cut a poster board in half to make two smaller posters. The posters will only be displayed in the cafeteria. The posters must be approved before hanging and are due to Mr. Tony in the Music Room by Monday, 10/29.

Speeches

Each candidate is allowed to make a speech for the office that she or he is running for. The speech should be no longer than 2-3 minutes. It is the candidate's choice to say what they want in their speech; however, the speech needs to be appropriate for school. The candidate's speech should answer some questions such as: **why you are the right choice for the office, what makes you a good candidate, how you might improve the student community.** Each candidate must turn his/her speech into the office for approval prior to videotaping. The speeches will be taped by Mr. Sam, our technology teacher, and then viewed by the entire student body in respective homerooms, on Thursday 10/01 and Friday 10/02, with voting to follow in classrooms.

Campaigning items that are **not allowed**:

Stickers, balloons, buttons, pens, pictures, pamphlets or handouts.

Responsibilities of Elected Candidates

If the candidate is elected to be on the Executive Board, they will be required to attend all student council meetings, both full and board. If the elected candidate misses 3 meetings, he or she will be asked to resign and the runner up will take the place of the resigned officer (with the exception of excused absences, including illness or prior notice given to an adult Student Council Committee member).

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to come see Ms. Miranda or one of the other adult Student Council Committee members: Mr. Tony (Music), Mr. Seth (Frisco), or Ms. Miranda (Medicine Bow).

This document is subject to change



Free Horizon Montessori

2018 - 2019 Student Council Job Descriptions

President

- Presides at both Executive Board meetings and full Student Council meetings.
- Meets with Secretary to prepare agenda prior to each meeting (the last 10 minutes of each meeting).
- Reviews year's activities and makes recommendations for the following year.

Vice President

***New this year, students will not be running for Vice President. Instead, VP will be given to the runner up for president.**

- Acts in the absence of the President.
- Oversees reporting information to primary grades.
- Keeps a record of committee assignments and job assignments given to representatives.
- Records attendance at the beginning of each meeting.

Secretary

- Keeps accurate minutes of meetings, in legible handwriting, to be kept on file in the Student Council binder.
- Meets with the President to prepare the agenda for each meeting.
- Gives a copy of the agenda to the appropriate Student Union sponsor at least one day before the meeting so he/she can make copies for everyone to have.
- Reads aloud the minutes, from the previous meeting, to the student council.
- Writes thank you notes when needed.

Treasurer

- Keeps track of expenditures.
- Meets with Ms. Karen, as appropriate, to determine budget updates.
- Reports the updated budget at each full council meeting.

Class Representatives

- Attends full council meetings, the **second Wednesday** of every month.
- Reports important information back to his/her homeroom.
- Bring ideas to student council from homeroom.
- Participates in preparing/distributing advertising for planned events.

Note:

All Executive Board members will be required to attend all Executive Board meetings on the **fourth Wednesday** of every month, as well as the full council meetings on the **second Wednesday** of every month.



Student Council Elections Application

Due to the front office by 3:30 pm on October 25th

Name:

Age:

Chosen Office:

Grade:

Current Class/Teacher:

Please be aware that you will be expected to make posters and campaign for this office, as well as make a speech to be shown schoolwide. Be aware that you will be required to attend all student council meetings.

Please list your activities/interest/hobbies/sports:

What inspired you to run for this office?

What characteristics do you feel you possess that would contribute to the growth of Free Horizon and its students?

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be and why?

If you could change one thing at Free Horizon, what would it be and why?

What types of service projects are of interest to you?

What ideas do you have for school improvement/activities/fundraisers?

Is there anything else you would like to add about yourself?

*By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to the Campaigning Guidelines and Responsibilities of Elected Officers. I understand that if I am elected, serving as a member of the Student Council Executive Board requires a commitment of time, **which includes attending meetings both after school and during the UE lunch period.***

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that this student has applied to run for a Student Council Executive Board position for the 2018-2019 school year.

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____