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Rationale

Student Council is an organization conducted by students and supervised by adults. It is a representative structure through which students in grades 7 through 12 become involved in the matters of the school, working in partnership with school leadership and staff, and parents for the benefit of the school and its students. Student Council gives students an opportunity to acquire the sort of communication, planning and organizational skills which will benefit them in their future lives.

Purpose

The purpose of the AIS Student Council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. It enables students to take responsibility for projects, and to demonstrate that they can manage and bring such projects to successful conclusion. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the AIS Student Council is the voice of the student body. They help share student ideas, interests, and concerns with the school wide community.

Structure & Role

The structure of the AIS Student Council is based upon democratic procedures. Ideas are presented, voted upon, and confirmed by the student body president. Any student that is interested in leadership, organizational behavior, event planning or becoming more involved in the school are welcome to become involved.

The AIS Student Council sets its own objectives, which could include:

- Enhancing communication between students, school leadership and staff, and parents
- Promoting an environment conducive to educational and personal development
- Promoting friendship and respect among students
- Supporting the school leadership and staff in the development of the school
- Representing the views of the students on matters of general concern to them

Activities

There is a wide range of activities of benefit to the school community which the AIS Student Council may wish to undertake, some of which are outlined below:

Representing the views of the student body to the school leadership

This should be one of the fundamental aims of the AIS Student Council. It involves talking and listening to the student body, considering their views and concerns, and discussing these with the school leadership on behalf of the students.

Promoting good communications within the school

Improving communication within the school community is a shared responsibility and AIS Student Council can contribute to this process. Making presentations at staff meetings to keep staff informed of activities, keeping a Student Council bulletin board, or organizing a regular newsletter are just some ways the AIS Student Council can communicate with the students, school leadership and staff, and parents.

Supporting the educational development and progress of students

The AIS Student Council can contribute to the learning environment for students in the school by, for example, setting up study groups for students in exam classes or homework clubs, or organizing lunchtime activities.

Assisting with induction and/or mentoring for new first year students

Starting middle/high school is a challenging new experience for first year students. Establishing a mentoring program where seniors help new students to find their feet can help their integration into the school community.

Contributing to the development of school policy

The AIS Student Council can actively contribute to the development of school policy in a wide range of areas such as bullying, uniform requirements, behavior code, and extra-curricular activities. The Council could form sub-committees to consider individual policy issues, to consult with students, staff, and parents on those issues and to represent the Council's views on those issues to school management.



Assisting in school sporting and cultural activities

The AIS Student Council can assist in organizing and developing sports and cultural activities within the school, including, for example, sports days and drama or celebratory events.

Assisting with or organizing fund-raising events for charity

The AIS Student Council can organize events both within the school and involving the wider community, for the purposes of raising money for designated charities.

Guidelines

The AIS Student Council election process adheres to the following guidelines:

- The Students Counselor creates a PowerPoint presentation for an assembly to be held at the beginning of the academic year. The presentation provides details about the role of the AIS Student Council and the student leadership opportunities.
- Student collect applications to run for positions from the Student Counselor.
- Students submit completed and signed application forms to the Student Counselor.
- After the deadline for applications, the Student Counselor meets with Grades 11 and 12 applicants to present
- the opportunity to apply for the Student Council Officer positions of President, Vice President, or Secretary.
 - Grade 12 Students may apply for President/Vice President. Top two selected Grade 12 students fill these positions.
 - Grade 11 Students may apply for Secretary. Top selected Grade 11 student fills this position.
- Officer position applications include a cover letter (why he/she wants to hold the position and what make him/her the best candidate) and a CV/resume.



The cover letter must be:

- Typed and saved in MSWord
- Strictly adhere to a word count of 150-200 words
- Emailed the Student Counselor

The CV/resume must be:

- Typed and saved in MSWord
 - Emailed the Student Counselor
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- The Student Counselor selects and share top five choices for class representatives and then narrow the final selection list to three (3) students for each class
 - Ballots are created and distributed during class to each student to ensure he/she votes only one time.
 - The Student Counselor tallies the votes together and save the results without advertising the winning officers and representatives from each class
 - One representative is selected from each class (7A, 7B, etc., through 12C)
 - An all-school assembly is held to introduce the newly-elected Student Council Officers and class representatives to the student body. (This is a surprise assembly. Officers and representatives are not informed of their selection prior to the assembly.)