

## **Board Policy 1.20.012-P**

### **Student Representative and District Student Council Policy**

The Student Representative to the Board of Education has a variety of important roles and responsibilities, including representing the views of students on matters of concern to students; encouraging the involvement of students in educational affairs; convening student meetings to provide information and receive input about proposed actions by the Board or the District; as time allows, participating in other events attended by Board members; and being an articulate voice to the public on matters of concern to students.

The Student Representative will be provided a complete orientation on Board governance in order to contribute to the Board's and School District's work. The Student Representative will then be responsible for attending public meetings, work sessions, and events of the Board and receiving and reviewing all non-confidential public meeting materials, in a timely manner, provided to Board members.

#### **1) District Student Council (DSC).**

In addition to the Student Representative, there shall be a parliamentary council composed of representatives and an alternate from each district high school, including Alliance at Benson, Alliance at Meek, Pioneer, and Metropolitan Learning Center ("District High Schools"). Each District High School with an enrollment of between 1 and 650 shall elect one representative, with an additional representative being elected for each additional 650 students enrolled. These elections shall take place on an annual basis. "Enrollment" in this case shall be each school's final enrollment for the prior school year. There are no term limits for DSC representatives. Each elected representative is entitled to one vote each.

- a.** It shall be the responsibility of each District High School student government to provide for the election of a district representative that will also be a position on each high school's Associated Student Body (ASB) or equivalent governing body. In the event that the District High School student government fails to promptly conduct such an election,

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**b.** Every effort should be made to promote and support equitable representation of the district's high school student body in voting and representation on the DSC.

**d.** The DSC shall expediently fill any vacancy that should arise mid-term with a temporary appointment who would serve until the next DSC election. This could be the Student Body President or another member of student leadership deemed fit by the student body government or administration of such a school where the vacancy exists.

This Council shall be encouraged to attend all public Board meetings and work sessions, and shall assist the Student Representative in their respective schools. The Student Representative shall present opportunities to members of the DSC to advise Board and district committees and task forces on issues of interest to the DSC and students.

The DSC shall annually review and amend as needed bylaws that are consistent with the DSC purpose and operational expectations set out in this policy.

The DSC shall receive sufficient funds from the Superintendent's office to carry out operations and events, and that will be set by the Superintendent and Board in the regular district budgetary process.

Each representative ~~elected~~ to the DSC shall receive 1 elective credit for holding a position on the council for a year. To meet the requirements for elective credit, each representative must attend 90% of the meetings throughout the year, maintain regular communication between the DSC and the ASB or school governing body, and participate in the yearly DSC summit.

It is the expectation that each representative will consistently attend meetings and participate fully through regular communications with fellow representatives and with their school's governing body. In the event a representative is not able to fulfill the duties required under this policy or consistently and egregiously acts against the interests of either this policy or the DSC bylaws, the DSC may, with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, call a snap election for that representative's seat alone, effective within two weeks of authorization. If a DSC representative fails to win said snap election, they will no longer receive elective credit.

The DSC shall hold at least one PPS Student Summit per school year to promote student voice, foster connections, and promote the work of the council.

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shall give regular reports to the DSC.

- A. The DSC will serve as oversight to all student committees at a District level.
- B. The DSC reserves the power to veto any proposition or other such motion originating from such committees.

The Superintendent shall appoint an individual to serve as the ~~lead~~ staff liaison with the DSC and the Student Representative. The specific roles and responsibilities of the staff liaison, beyond those required by law or policy, shall be determined by the DSC bylaws.

There should be a minimum of one, but preferably more, DSC representatives on all board designated committees and task forces.

- A. A DSC student rep. to a committee must be an actively serving member of the DSC.
- B. A student rep. to a committee is appointed by a majority vote from the DSC.
- C. The DSC can by a vote of two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) remove a committee Rep.

It shall be the responsibility of the DSC to record all regularly-scheduled DSC meetings, and make these recordings publicly available. The DSC is also encouraged to publish any non-sensitive documents relating to DSC business, as determined by the DSC.

The DSC will keep a list of current and past DSC members and student representatives to the Board on file.

### **2) Student Representative Election.**

The Student Representative to the Board of Education, as the representative of all the district's students, shall be elected by the student body of the district in the following manner:

- a. The Student Representative position shall be a student who has at least one year of experience on the DSC. -

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representatives.

**c.** The power to elect the Student Representative shall be solely vested in the District Student Council; a plurality of votes cast is required to declare a Student Representative-elect. The DSC shall also have the authority to remove the Student Representative from office for cause, as defined in the bylaws. Two-thirds (2/3) majority votes of members of the DSC shall be required for removal.

**d.** The election of a Student Representative-elect shall occur at least three months prior to June 30. This will allow the incumbent Student Representative to provide opportunities for the successor to become familiar with the responsibilities of the position.

**e.** The Student Representative shall select a high school representative on the DSC as a deputy to aid and advise the Student Representative and attend meetings and events if the Student Representative cannot be present. Representation at Board of Education meetings shall be the sole responsibility of the elected Student Representative.

### **3) Limitations of Role of Student Representative on Board Matters.**

**a.** Nothing in this policy shall be construed to conflict with legally given rights, responsibilities, duties, or privileges reserved for the publicly elected Board directors by state law.

**b.** The Student Representative does not have an official vote in Board matters, but may participate as appropriate in deliberations.

**c.** The Student Representative may not participate (whether in executive session or otherwise), receive materials, or render an unofficial vote in any personnel or legal matter or other matters that involve records that are exempt from disclosure under the Oregon public records or other law or that involve matters that may be the subject of an executive session.

**d.** The Student Representative shall serve for a period of no more than one fiscal year.

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