PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL
CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the students of Pioneer Middle School, in order to attain a high degree of scholarship, to promote leadership, to develop greater character, to raise the standards of citizenship and health, to increase school loyalty and cooperation, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Pioneer Middle School.

ARTICLE I - Name and Purpose

Section I - The name of the organization shall be the Associated Student Body (ASB) of Pioneer Middle School.

Section II - This organization shall be organized to participate and cooperate in school affairs and conduct activities on behalf of students of Pioneer Middle School as approved by the faculty adviser and assistant principal.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section I - All Students regularly enrolled at Pioneer Middle School shall be considered members of the Associated Student Body.

Section II - Members shall be entitled to one vote in all student body elections.

ARTICLE III - School Colors and Mascot

Section I - School colors for Pioneer Middle School are black, brown, and gold. The school mascot shall be a bear and the teams shall be known as the Pioneer Bears.

ARTICLE IV - Organization of the Student Council

Section I - The governing bodies of this Associated Student Body are as follows: the Executive Board, the Student Advisory Council, and the faculty adviser.

Section II - The Executive Board shall consist of the following ASB offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Commissioner of Publicity & Activities, and 6th Grade Liaison.

Section III - The faculty adviser shall be appointed by the principal and shall report directly to the assistant principal.

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ARTICLE V - Executive Board

Section I - The Executive Board shall have all executive powers. The Executive Board members shall serve as acting and voting members of the Pioneer Middle School Advisory council.

Section II - The Executive Board shall consist of the following ASB offices:
- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Commissioner of Publicity & Activities
- 6th Grade Liaison

Section III - Cabinet officers will serve only one term per school year. If there is only one candidate for an office, that person may serve for two semesters.

Section IV - The duties and qualifications for Executive Board offices are outlined in the Bylaws to the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI - Student Advisory Council

Section I - The Student Advisory Council will consist of students elected by a designated period class to be determined by the faculty adviser and assistant principal with approval from the principal each year.

Section II - An alternate representative will be chosen by each class to serve in the absence of the representative.

Section III - The Student Advisory Council Representative will serve as a representative of that class for one full semester.

Section VI - Should a Student Advisory Council Representative miss two consecutive meetings without good reason, the alternate representative becomes the Student Council Representative, and a new alternate will be elected.

Section V - The duties for Student Advisory Council Representative offices are outlined in the Bylaws to the Constitution.

ARTICLE VII - Elections and Eligibility of voters

Section I - Executive Board elections shall be held at the end of September. The date of the election of officers for first and second semester will be set by the faculty adviser and the assistant principal with approval from the principal.
Section II - The officers will be chosen by election. The top two candidates receiving the majority of votes for each office will be declared the winners for each semester.

Section III - All students regularly enrolled in Pioneer Middle School on or before the day of the election shall be eligible to vote in any student body election.

ARTICLE VIII - Meetings & Quorum

Section I - The meetings shall be held on call, the exact time and place to be determined by the faculty adviser and the assistant principal with approval from the principal.

Section II - The Executive Board shall meet with a quorum present every Monday morning. A quorum shall consist of a majority of Executive Board officers present.

Section III - The Executive Board and Student Advisory Council shall meet with a quorum present at least once a month. A quorum shall consist of a majority of Executive Board officers and Student Advisory Council representatives present.

ARTICLE IX - Student Clubs

Section I - Each student club must prepare a set of by-laws for their organization. These by-laws must be approved by a majority of members in their club, as well as by a majority of members of the ASB Executive Board before it can begin fund-raising activities or make expenditures of club funds.

Section II - Clubs must submit a request for fund-raising to the ASB Executive Board at least two weeks in advance for approval. If the club request conflicts with an ASB sponsored fund-raiser, the club fund-raiser will be put on hold until the ASB fund-raiser is over.

Section III - Each club must elect a representative to be present at one Executive Board meeting a month. If the elected representative is unavailable, then an alternate must attend in their place. ASB Executive Board officers may not hold this representative position.

Section IV - Each club must elect a representative to be present at every Student Advisory Council meeting each month. If the elected representative is unavailable, then an alternate must attend in their place. ASB Executive Board officers may not hold this representative position.

ARTICLE X - Power of Veto

Section I - The Principal and the Assistant Principal, having delegated the powers of the student council, shall have the power of veto over any measure passed by the council which he or she may consider contrary to good school procedure.

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ARTICLE XI - Oath of Office for Student Body Officers

Section I - On taking office the student body officers shall take the following oath of office:
"I, _______, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of
___________ of the Pioneer Middle School, and will, to the best of my ability,
preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Pioneer Middle School."

ARTICLE XII - Filling of Vacancies in the Student Body Cabinet

Section I - In case of a vacancy in the Executive Board, the remaining officers shall choose three eligible candidates who shall give their consent to be approved by the Student Advisory Council. The Student Advisory Council representatives will hold elections in their class and return the results to the ASB faculty adviser. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the elected officer.

ARTICLE XIII - Amending the Constitution

Section I - The Executive Board and Student Advisory Council, whenever the majority of its members shall consider it necessary, may propose amendments to this constitution.

Section II - Amendments will become valid parts of the Constitution when ratified by fifty-one percent of all the students at Pioneer Middle School.

ARTICLE XIV - Ratification

Section I - This Constitution shall be ratified whenever it has been approved by by fifty-one percent of all the students at Pioneer Middle School.

Section II - This Constitution was ratified on ________________.

Section III - This Constitution was presented to and approved by the WSD School Board on ________________.
ARTICLE I - The Purpose of the Student Council

Section I - It shall be the duty and power of the student council to:

- Be the supreme legislative body of the Associated Student Body at Pioneer Middle School.
- Propose and pass legislation that is considered important to the student body.
- Propose and operate fund-raising activities to support expenditures of the Associated Student Body.
- Spend ASB monies.
- Propose and pass amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

ARTICLE II - Duties & Responsibilities of Student Advisory Council Representatives

Section I - The duties of the Student Advisory Council Representatives will be as follows:

- To be regular and prompt in attendance at all meeting of the student council.
- To report to their class all matters of business.
- To take active part in council meetings and discussions.
- To take to the council all suggestions and ideas of the class he/she represents.
- To attempt to vote in the best interests of Pioneer Middle School and the class he/she represents.
- To serve on committees when requested to do so.

Section II - Each member of the Student Advisory Council shall be able to cast one vote in each voting decision.

ARTICLE IV - Duties & Responsibilities of Executive Board Officers

Section I - The ASB President shall have the following duties:

- Preside over Executive Board and Student Advisory Council meetings using proper Parliamentary procedure.
- Call special meetings of the Executive Board and Student Advisory Council when needed.
- Plan and prepare an agenda for all Executive Board and Student Advisory Council meetings with the help of the ASB faculty adviser.
- Preside at all student body assemblies or authorize someone to do so in his/her place.
- Give his/her signature to acts or proceedings, when necessary.
• Vote in student council decisions only in cases where his/her vote would affect the result.
• Lead the Flag Salute at all school assemblies.
• Read the morning bulletin as assigned.

Section II - The ASB Vice-President shall have the following duties:
• Preside over meetings in the absence of the President.
• Perform the duties assigned to him/her, and to aid and assist the president.
• Act as a chairperson of all committees working under the student council.
• Notify committees of their appointments.
• Read the morning bulletin as assigned.

Section III - The ASB Secretary shall have the following duties:
• Keep a record of the proceedings of the council and executive board meetings. All meeting minutes are to be completed within 24 hours of each meeting and submitted for board approval.
• Call roll and record the absentees from meetings.
• Read the minutes of the previous meeting.
• Write letters or necessary communications.
• Read letters and communications at all ASB meetings.
• Give his/her signature when necessary.
• Keep charge of all documents, records, papers, etc., belonging to the council or the student body.
• Read the morning bulletin as assigned.

Section IV - The duties of the Treasure of the Student Body shall be as follows:

With the assistance of the school designated ASB Bookkeeper and the ASB Faculty Adviser and any other district business staff members that is appropriate to the task:
• Maintain complete and accurate records of all ASB receipts and disbursements.
• Obtain monthly reports for the student council on the ASB bank balances and receipts and disbursements to date.
• Act as chairperson for the Fundraising Committee.
• Participate in the preparation of the annual ASB budget.
• Sign for all authorized expenditures.
• Read the morning bulletin as assigned.

Section V - The ASB Commissioner of Publicity & Activities shall have the following duties:
• Coordinate publicity of all school activities through the school news bulletin and designated ASB bulletin boards.
• Read the morning bulletin as assigned.
• Work with the ASB Secretary to complete duties with regard to keeping charge of all documents, records, papers, etc., belonging to the council or the student body.
• Serve as secretary during meetings in the event that the ASB secretary is absent.

Section VI - The ASB 6th Grade Liaison shall have the following duties:
• Represent the 6th grade class at all ASB Executive Board and Student Advisory Council meetings.
• Act as a chairperson on committees as assigned by the ASB Vice-President.
• Assist the ASB Commissioner of Publicity & Activities with the publicity of all school activities through the school news bulletin-and designated ASB bulletin boards.
• Read the morning bulletin as assigned.

ARTICLE V - Eligibility and Filing for office

Section I - Candidates for president and secretary must be current 8th grade students of Pioneer Middle School.

Section II - Candidates for vice-president and treasurer must be current 7th grade students of Pioneer Middle School.

Section III - Candidates for Commissioner of Publicity & Activities must be current 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students of Pioneer Middle School.

Section IV - Candidates for 6th Grade Liaison must be current 6th grade students of Pioneer Middle School.

Section V - The requirements for eligibility for the Executive Board are as follows:
• Candidates must be in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the semester prior to running for office and for the duration of their term of office.
• Candidates must maintain regular attendance.
• Candidates must display good citizenship. If a candidate has had a Step 4 at any time prior to the year they run for office, their candidacy will be subject to administrative review before being allowed to run. If a candidate has been suspended at any time prior to the year they run for office, they must write a letter to the principal and assistant principal explaining why they feel they are qualified for office and should be allowed to run. Final approval to run will be given by the school administrators. If a candidate has been expelled from school at any time, they will not be allowed to run for office.

Section VI - If any member of the Executive Council has grades that fall below those required for his/her office, he/she shall be given six weeks in which to raise them. If, at the end of that time, he/she fails to do so, the office shall be declared vacant by the ASB faculty adviser and assistant principal and shall be filled in accordance with the terms of the Pioneer Middle School Constitution.
Section VII - If any member of the Executive Council receives a Step 4 during their term of office, they will be required to meet with an administrator to determine whether or not they may continue in their current position. If a determination is made that they may not continue to serve as a member of the Executive Council, the office shall be declared vacant by the ASB faculty adviser and assistant principal and shall be filled in accordance with the terms of the Pioneer Middle School Constitution.

Section VIII - If any member of the Executive Council is suspended or expelled from school during their term of office, their office will be declared vacant by the ASB faculty adviser and assistant principal and shall be filled in accordance with the terms of the Pioneer Middle School Constitution.

Section IX - All candidates for student body offices shall file for their chosen office according to the calendar submitted by the faculty adviser. Once candidates have chosen an office and submitted all paperwork, they may not change positions. If students do not meet the scheduled deadlines for turning in work, they will not be allowed to run for office.