# **Fulton**



# Officer Election Packet

Please read through the packet and

be sure to submit all paperwork by their due dates.

It is important that you are responsible and timely if you are planning on running for office!

Please see Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Woodall, or Ms. Rose if you have any questions!

# A good Student Government has clearly defined powers and responsibilities, which it understands.

- It has power to speak for the student body, to discuss the school's programs, and to propose action for the betterment of the school
- It has definite influence over certain well-defined areas of student activity, determined by school policy.
- It has maximum control over its funds although such control is guided by school policy and is subject to the principal's veto. All funds are strictly accounted for.
- Its source of power lies in the entrustment to it by the assistant principal in charge of Student Activities; however, the principal reserves the right to veto any action in which he/she considers detrimental to the school, after having explained his/her position to the school.

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- To establish a spirit of cooperation among the student body, faculty, and administration.
- To establish an effective system of student representation in assisting the governing of Fulton Elementary.
- To provide an experience in which qualities of leadership, scholarship, and sportsmanship will develop.
- To provide the structure for correlation and promotion of all student projects and activities.

#### **Duties of Officers**

The duties of the **President** (6th grader only) include: scheduling meetings and club events; posting of meeting notices; presiding over all club meetings; appointment of committees; and in general providing the leadership necessary for the club to fulfill its stated purposes. Responsible for writing up an agenda and submitting it to Mrs. Pratt 48 hours before scheduled meeting. **Each officer is required to attend all Student Government sponsored activities.** 

The duties of the **Vice President** (5-6th grader) include: assisting, when asked, the President in carrying out his duties; assuming the duties of the President during his/her absence. **Each officer is required to attend all Student Government sponsored activities.** 

The duties of the **Secretary** (5-6th grader) include: the taking of complete and accurate minutes of all meetings; maintaining files of the minutes of all meetings, all club correspondence, club activities; and distributing copies of the minutes of all meetings to all officers of the club. **Each officer is required to attend all Student Government sponsored activities**.

The duties of the **Treasurer** (5th-6th grader) include: maintaining complete and accurate records of club finances; reporting the status of club finances to the membership at each regular meeting; overseeing the disbursement of club funds. **Each officer is required to attend all Student Government sponsored activities.** 

The duties of **Historian** (4th-6th grader) include: taking pictures and downloading them to the yearbook file. There will be 2 student chosen for Historian. **Each officer is required to attend all Student Government sponsored activities.** 

The duties of the **Mascot** (4th-6th grader) include: wear the Blaze costume and promote school spirit and pride at all times. Student will attend ALL school functions as Blaze. There will be 2 students chosen for Mascot. **Each officer is required to attend all Student Government sponsored activities** 

#### **FULTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**

#### **Student Council Goals:**

- To provide leadership opportunities for students
- To develop and foster school pride and spirit
- To model and reflect school policies and procedures
- To provide service to others, our school, and our community
- To model an appreciation and respect for people from other cultures
- To encourage patriotism and care for our environment

#### **Criteria for being an Officer:**

- 1. President: 6th student ONLY
- 2. Vice Pres, Secretary, Treasurer: 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade student
- 3. Historian, Mascot: 4th, 5th, or 6th grade student
- 4. Application for Office
- 5. Obtain and complete Parent Permission slip
- 6. Must adhere to all campaign procedures and timelines
- 7. Demonstrate leadership abilities
- 8. Display good citizenship
- 9. Possess good communication skills
- 10. Willing to assume responsibilities of office
- 11. Maintain a grade average of C or better
- 12. Able and willing to attend Student Council and Officer Meetings. The meetings will be held after school. Attendance is mandatory.
- 13. Failure to comply with any of the prescribed criteria will result in disqualification for election or removal from office.

Click here for Student Council Qualifying Application

Click here for STUDENT COUNCIL PERMISSION SLIP

Click here for Poster Instruction Video

Click here for How to Upload Video Speech

## **Campaign Procedures and Timelines:**

| Friday, April 22 | *Campaign packets will be sent to your teacher to email home. You will need to click on the <a href="Application link">Application link</a> and complete it online and submit it by Friday, May 6th   |
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|                  | **Parent Permission Slip must be completed by Friday, May 6th   |
| Friday, April 22 | *Begin working on Google Slide Poster (due Fri. May 6). Please see rules for Google Slide Poster Click here: Poster Instruction Video **Begin working on video speech (Fri. May 13)at home. (please see rules for video speeches)   |
| Friday, May 6th  | *Google Slide Poster is due. Please share your Google Slide Poster with Mrs. Pratt at <a href="mailto:pratt.stacy@gse.cusd80.com">pratt.stacy@gse.cusd80.com</a>  |
| Friday, May 6th  | **Print a <u>Teacher Recommendation</u> form. You will need your teacher to fill it out. It is due Fri. May 13th (give to Mrs. Pratt)   |
| Friday, May 13th | *Your video speech needs to be uploaded to your Google Classroom and shared with Mrs. Pratt at <a href="mailto:pratt.stacy@gse.cusd80.com">pratt.stacy@gse.cusd80.com</a> . Click here: How to Upload Video (please see rules for speeches below) If you do not have your video loaded by Friday, May 13th, you will not be able to run for Student Council Office.  ** Teacher Recommendation Form turned in to Mrs. Pratt |
| Tuesday, May 17  | Campaign speeches will be watched in classrooms and voted on.   |
| Tuesday. May 17  | Winners announced at the end of day!  |
| Friday, May 20th | Lunch with Mrs. Pratt in her classroom C7   |

## **Campaigning Rules:**

- Put-downs of other candidates are not acceptable and will result in disqualification.
- Campaigning on social media (fb, Instagram, snapchat, etc) is not acceptable and will result in disqualification. If you see that your friends are campaigning for you, please tell them to take it down or you could be disqualified.
- You may not pass out or distribute items or objects (candy, prizes, cards) and doing so will result in disqualification.

### **Google Slide Poster Making Rules:**

- All "posters" will be created in Google Slides. Click here: Poster Instruction Video
- Google Slide posters will be viewed in the classrooms during the campaign.
- The best thing about Virtual posters is that you don't have to BUY anything!
- You may work on your poster at home or at school (but only if you have your teacher's permission).
- Put-downs of other candidates are not acceptable and will result in disqualification.
  - Creativity and individuality are encouraged
- Do a Google search for: Student Council Poster Ideas
- · Check out Pinterest for ideas as well.
  - Failure to comply with any prescribed procedures will result in disqualification.

## **Rules for Speeches:**

- Students running for office will need to prepare a speech for the office they are running for.
- The office you are running for determines the length of your speech.

President- not more than 3 minutes

Vice-President- not more than 2 minutes

Secretary- not more than 2 minutes

Treasurer- not more than 2 minutes

Historian- not more than 1 minute 30 seconds

Mascots- not more than 1 minute

- Speeches will refrain from making unreasonable promises (extra recess, less school days...)
- Speeches will be recorded at home. Please watch your speech to make sure that you are easy to hear! Your video speech needs to be uploaded to your Google Classroom and shared with Mrs. Pratt at pratt.stacy@gse.cusd80.com. Click here: How to Upload Video

Click this link for a PDF of the recommendation form to give to your teacher.

## **TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**