

# Student Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	<b>May 26, 2010</b>	<b>Time</b>	2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
<b>Facilitator</b>	Jesus Leon President Executive Committee	<b>Room</b>	E-204
<b>Subject</b>	Year closing		
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b><u>Executive Committee</u></b> Jesus Leon (Pres.)</p> <p><b><u>Class Representatives</u></b> 12<sup>th</sup>: Ana Martinez 11<sup>th</sup>: Linda Martinez, Eliot Gonzalez, Jeffrey Soriano 10<sup>th</sup>: Lily Sanchez 8<sup>th</sup>: Odile Coradin, Nathalie Figuereo 7<sup>th</sup>: Melissa Rodriguez, Lisa Garcia, Andy Ng, Nicole Landestoy 6<sup>th</sup>: Jose Valenzuela, Wendy Ng, Alberto Feng</p> <p><b><u>Other</u></b> Ada Nuñez (Teacher) Olga Leon (Advisor)</p>		

Key Points Discussed		
No	Topic	Highlights
1.	Self evaluation forms	⇒ Collected those completed. Requested that students missing submit theirs also.
2.	Recycling Program	⇒ Advisor informed students of school plan to implement a school recycling program next school year and informed students that their support will be needed. ⇒ Students agreed with need to recycle and a student suggested helping with promotion and motivating students to recycle.
3.	School Improvement Plan	⇒ Ms. Ada Nuñez informed student council that she continues to work on school improvement plan and will be sending out forms for students to share their ideas on changes that they would like to see take place in the school. Ms. Nuñez asked students to please be sincere, open and remember that these ideas will be taken into consideration and not just filed.
4.	Vision and Mission Statement	⇒ Proposed statement was read by a class president. Majority approved mission statement by a simple vote.

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5.	Goals for next school year	<p>⇒ Discussion was opened to suggest ideas for student council follow up during the next school year. Suggestions follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create student council scrapbook which was discussed but not done current school year. Student said that she did not have any pictures or items to create a scrapbook.</li> <li>- Students suggested having a student council photographer.</li> <li>- Fundraising activities for student council</li> <li>- Continue various forms meeting reminders.</li> <li>- Students suggest that student council manage or supervise student newsletter in some way in order to ensure its timely publication and survival despite staff changes and graduation of those involved. Advisor informed student that more information will be obtained so that an later meeting this issue can be considered in more detail and voted on if possible.</li> <li>- Student suggested that council be more involved with sharing information about creating student clubs because she herself is not aware of process.</li> </ul>
6.	Meeting Attendance	<p>⇒ Revisited challenges of reaching full participation of members at meetings. Some students stated that some members do not attend meeting but are active in class activities, others voiced that constitution needs to be respected. Students revisited constitution and voted on whether or not students should be given certificates of participation if they missed more than 3 meetings, as stated in the constitution. Simple vote results below. Students then voted on giving those students the option of individually appealing decision of council in writing.</p>
7.	Electronics in school	<p>⇒ Students discussed discrepancies of use of technology in school. Student stated that technology is meant to enhance education and knowledge and laptops, blackberries and other devices should be permitted for educational purposes only. Student suggested more flexibility for teachers to use technology in class without having to previously write it in their lesson planning or obtaining approval. Some students reported that they do not remember having seen copy of student manual and all students should have it. Students suggested talking to school director for revision of current rule and to persuade that use of technology make learning better. .</p>
8.	Closing	<p>⇒ Advisor and president of student council thanked all students for their participation, congratulated on an excellent meeting and complemented students on an excellent year for student council.</p>

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Action Plan			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Date
1	Submit self evaluation form	Advisor	05/28/10
2	Ms. Nuñez will provide school improvement comment forms. To be distributed by Andy Ng.	Ms. Nuñez Andy Ng	Not available
3	Submit letters informing students not receiving certificates of participation due to excess meeting absences	Ms. Leon	Not determined

Motions				
Topic	Description	Votes for	Votes Against	No vote
Vision and Mission Statement	During March 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting, students provided ideas in writing to create a mission and vision statement. Ideas were combined, revised and finalized mission and vision was presented for approval.	13	0	1
Certificates of participation	If students missed more than 3 student council meetings, should they receive certificates of participation?	4	9	0
Appeals process	Should students have the right to appeal above decision in writing for reconsideration of particular cases?	8	5	0

Notes: 7<sup>th</sup> grade V.P arrived late, 6<sup>th</sup> grade President, 7<sup>th</sup> grade President and Secretary left meeting prior to ending.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING DATE:** Next school year

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Jesus Leon, President Executive Committee  
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Madeline Cruz, Vice-president Executive Committee  
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Ricardo Baio, Treasurer Executive Committee  
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Talia Guerrero, Secretary Executive Committee  
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Olga Leon, High School Counselor