CONSTITUTION OF AMERICAN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Preamble

We, the students of American Falls High School, in order to establish a representative form of government, encourage good citizenship, promote student and faculty cooperation, to provide an organization for the regulation of all matters delegated by the High School Student Council, and to assume for ourselves and for the succeeding classes a responsibility for the welfare and good order of the school, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the High School of American Falls, Idaho.

Article I - Name

This organization will be called the Student Council of American Falls High School, with internal leadership being referred to as the Student Body Officers (consisting only of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, and the Media Specialist).

Article II – Membership

Section I: All registered students attending American Falls High School will be considered part of the student body.

Section II: Every member of this organization shall be eligible to hold office, vote, and engage in student activities. To speak at any Student Body meeting a member must be given permission from the American Falls Student Body Officers.

Article III - The Legislative Department

The Legislative Department will be the elected group known as the Student Council. This council shall consist of the Student Body Officers, as well as the other members of Student Council (A class president, vice president, secretary, a boy's rep, and a girl's rep from each individual class)

Section I: Powers and duties of Council

The Student Council shall have the power to appropriate money from the general fund of the American Falls High School for student needs and to originate and provide for raising of money for Student Body use.

Part 1. To make all laws necessary to carry out the purposes of this Constitution as expressed herein.

Part 2. Student Council meetings - All Student Council meetings shall be run by the Student Body President, using Parliamentary Procedure (Robert's Rules of Order).

Section II: Passage of a Bill

Part 1. A bill may originate in the Student Council by any AFHS member. If a bill originates, a representative from the respective class will present it at the next Student Council meeting.

Part 2. A quorum is considered ¾ of the member representatives. Student Council must have a quorum present to hold Council meetings. A quorum must be present to act on any proposed legislation. With the quorum present, a bill must have a majority of the members present voting for the bill before it can be passed.

Part 3. A bill, before considered a law, must bear the approval and signature of the Student Body President, Vice President and the Principal. If any case the above named signature fail to indicate approval, the bill will be tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting at which time, a majority vote for the entire membership shall be present; provided, however, that the vote to override the veto shall be subject to the approval of the principal of the school (bill is vetoed by signer - person who forward bill).

Part 4. A Referendum is a general vote by the electorate on a single political question that has been referred to by them for a direct decision. A general student referendum may be called on a majority vote of the Council, or by a petition bearing the signature of 40% of the Student Body.

Section III: Advisor

A faculty member shall be appointed by the AFHS Administration. The advisor shall have no vote or veto power. The advisor shall consult with the Student Council from time to time as the need arises.

Article 4 - Officers and Qualifications

Section I

Part 1. The officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Director.

Part 2. The terms of the offices of this association shall be for a period of the one regular school year, including the summer prior to candidacy. All candidates for Student Body Offices shall have a petition signed by 75 members of the American Falls High School Student Body.

Part 3. Qualifications of Officers:

1. President: Must comply with AFHS Student Planner Handbook Extracurricular Guidelines and the extracurricular code of conduct.
2. Vice-President: Same qualifications as for president, except that the individual may be a junior.

3. Secretary: Same qualifications as for president, except that the individual may be a junior.
4. Treasurer: Same qualifications as for president, except that the individual may be a junior.
5. Activities Director: Same qualifications as for president, except that the individual may be a junior.
6. Social Media Specialist: Same qualifications as for president, except that the individual may be a junior.

Part 4. All Student Council Officers must register for the school year.

Part 5. Student Body Officers must be Juniors or Seniors and Student Body Presidents must be a Senior.

Section II: Duties of the Officers

Powers of the President – chief executive officer; appoints committees; presides over meetings; directs activities; runs meetings using Robert's Rules.
Powers of the Vice-President – assumes presidential powers when president absent; presides when president is censured.
Responsibilities of the Secretary – prepares agendas, records minutes, keeps attendance, prepares documents.
Responsibilities of the Treasurer– approves funds with advisor/principal, manages purchase orders, and tracks finances
Responsibilities of the Activities Director – plans activities and ensures proper advertising/scheduling.
President and Vice-President of School Clubs – considered non-voting members of the student council and can be invited to meetings.
Social Media Specialist- operates AFHS social media pages and consults with Student Council asking for ideas and suggestions regularly to ensure equal representation of ideas and events on social media

Article 5 - Election of Class Officers

Section I: Officers will be elected based on a three-way system giving voting power to both a panel of representatives from the AFHS staff, the members of AFHS, and partial consideration to the required video to be submitted in place of the former speech given to the AFHS student body.

Part one: 75 signatures must be collected from students of AFHS

Part two: Candidates are permitted to hang advertisement posters in AFHS hallways after signatures have been collected

Part three: Video must be turned in before specified date, lest the candidate be disqualified from the election entirely

Part four: Candidates must present themselves before the panel of staff representatives at the appointed time, lest the candidate be disqualified from the election entirely

Part five: Candidates must be notified of election results within 30 days of Article V, Section I, Parts 1-4 being completed in full

Article 6 - Recall of Officers

Section I: Officers must comply with AFHS extracurricular guidelines.

Section II: If one-half of the Student Body petitions for recall, an election must be held within thirty days; two-thirds vote required for removal.

Article 7 - Government of Classes

Section I: Class Membership - A student is a member of a class upon registration.

Section II: Members of each class shall elect Class officers. These officers shall include President, Vice-President, Secretary, Girl's Representative, and Boy's Representative. Elections will be held during the last grading period of each year.

Part 1. Duties of class officers shall be as follows:

1. President - The President shall preside at all class meetings. He or she shall be responsible for each meeting.
2. Vice-President - Assist the President in all matters. Will preside at meetings when the President is absent
3. Activities Director: Work with Ms. Heather in coordinating school activities as necessary
4. Secretary - Will keep a record of all class meetings.
5. Girls and Boy's Representatives - Will attend all Student Council meetings and report all business to class members and sponsors.

Part 2. Other duties may be assigned as needed by the student council adviser and class adviser.

Section Ill: The Class Advisors, Class Officers, and members of the class will handle class business, class dues, and other financial matters.

Section IV: Class Advisors

Part 1. Duties of the Class Advisor

1. The Class Advisors will supervise all class activities. No class activities shall be held without a class advisor, a legal adult, or an appointed member of the faculty in attendance.

Article 8 - Amendment

Section I: Any member of AFHS through class representatives may make proposals for amendment of this constitution in writing. The Student Council, upon receipt of proposed amendment within a period of ten (10) school days, shall arrange for publication of the proposed amendment for a period of at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote of ratification. Publication shall consist of posting proposed amendments in a conspicuous place at AFHS. Ratification shall be by 2/3 vote of the registered Student Body.

Article 9 - Ratification

Ratification by the four classes establishes this constitution; the Student Council determines the ratification method.

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