

# Constitution of the A.J. Dimond High School Student Government

*Ratified 2004, Revised 2015*

## **PREAMBLE**

We, the students of Dimond High School, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Dimond Student Government. The Dimond Student Body shall elect this council to represent the student body in all matters concerning their welfare and to promote and encourage active school spirit.

## **ARTICLE 1: RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

The Dimond Student Government shall:

- A. Act as a sounding board for the Dimond High student body, faculty, and administration.
- B. Establish a code of conduct for all school activities, and promote respect for school and private property.
- C. Institute and effect sound financial policies and procedures.
- D. Establish by-laws that are necessary for proper and effective functioning of the DSG in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and with the parameters established by the Dimond Administration.
- E. Pass any necessary emergency measures, strictly in accordance with the constitution, and to refer any matters which are outside its jurisdiction to the attention of the faculty or the administration.

## **ARTICLE 2: RULES COMMITTEE**

The Executive Board shall appoint a Rules Committee for the purpose of reviewing and suggesting amendments to the constitution. The student government shall be able to veto council appointments within the general DSG meetings which immediately follow announcements of appointments.

## **ARTICLE 3: EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS**

The officers of the Dimond Student Government Executive Board shall be: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Commissioners of School Spirit, Representative at Large, Commissioner of Finance, Commissioners of Publicity, and Historian.

## **ARTICLE 4: CANDIDACY, NOMINATION AND ELECTION**

### **A. Student Government Officers and Executive Board Positions**

1. The positions of the Student Body President and Commissioners of Spirit shall be filled by candidates with a Senior class standing. The position of Student Body President must also be filled by a candidate who has been in the Dimond Student Government for at least one year. Student Body Vice President, Secretary, Representative at Large, Historian, and Commissioner of Finance shall be filled by candidates with a Junior class standing or higher. These positions are not open to Freshmen or Sophomores. The positions of Commissioners of Publicity, may be filled by Seniors, Juniors, or Sophomores, but not Freshmen.

### **B. Class Officers**

1. The Sophomore, Junior and Senior class will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Representative from the members of their class.
2. The freshmen class officers will be selected by an election at the start of the school year.
3. Student Government members who are ad-hocs are members of the class offices. They are not members of the Executive Board.
4. Class officers will have a meeting w/ advisors once a month either with officers or during class meetings
  - a. The president must have a typed agenda with officer attendance.
  - b. The Secretary must type the minutes of the meeting afterward.
  - c. The agenda and the minutes must be turned in with the grade report.

### **C. Candidacy**

1. Candidates for the DSG must have a 2.0 grade point average for the quarter previous to running for offices, and if elected must maintain a 2.0 grade point average while holding office. The advisor will take the appropriate action with those who do not maintain a 2.0 GPA which will result in removal from office.
2. To be listed on the ballot, candidates must present a petition signed by no less than fifty (50) Dimond Students, the Activities Clerk, and one of the Administrators, by the deadline set by the Student Body Vice President. Those running for class office must have the petition signed only by fifty (50) members of that class.
3. Speeches and Forum are mandatory unless excused by the Advisor or Student Body Vice President.

## **ARTICLE 5: DSG STUDENT GOVERNMENT CLASS**

### **A. All elected officers must enroll in the DSG class.**

1. All offices will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee every semester.

2. The evaluation committee for the Executive Board will consist of DSG Advisor and their respective officers. The evaluation committee for the Class Officers will consist of the Class Sponsor and their respective officers.
- B. Ad-Hoc Individual Procedure
1. Ad Hoc members may be appointed by the DSG Advisor following Spring Elections. The Advisor shall provide applications to all unsuccessful candidates for office.
  2. The Advisor shall review all Ad Hoc applications and decide which applicants will be most able to contribute to Student Government based on their skills, talents, and qualifications. The Advisor shall have the sole power to appoint Ad Hocs. The Advisor may also choose to not appoint any Ad Hocs.
  3. Only students who ran for office in the Spring Elections may be considered for Ad Hoc positions.

#### **ARTICLE 6: AMENDMENT PROCEDURE**

Any member of the DSG may submit his or her proposal of amendments to the DSG constitution to the Student Body Vice President. Amendments must receive two-thirds affirmative vote of present and voting DSG members.

- A. The Student Body Vice President and Rules Committee shall review the DSG constitution.
- B. The Student Body Vice President and Rules Committee shall prepare the amendment in terms compatible with the DSG constitution.

#### **DEFINITIONS AND TERMS IN THE CONSTITUTION**

- A. Representative: A DSG member elected by plurality in an election for the Student Government. The said election must be organized by the methods prescribed in the constitution and by-laws.
- B. DSG: Dimond Student Government: A council of the Executive Board, class officers, and Student Advisory Board members.
- C. Plurality: An excess of votes over those cast for an opposing candidate.