2020/21 ASB and Class Election Guidance

Due to the current school closure and shift to distance learning, the following considerations must be made for the 2020-21 ASB and class elections:

- It is imperative that every effort be made to ensure every student has the opportunity to participate. Participation by every student includes all aspects of an election such as qualification, promotion, voting, etc. This should be thoroughly discussed and strongly considered by the ASB Class.
    - This effort should be well documented by the ASB students and kept in the event questions are asked or concerns are shared at a later date. Example documentation may include a detailed plan or breakdown that includes such things as how information is being communicated to all students, etc.
    - Communication Examples:
        - Publicizing on ASB's social media channels, school website, principal email, parent/guardian group email, via the school's broadcast journalism program, via teachers, the weekly bulletin, etc.

- After thorough discussion and strong consideration, this may mean a vote by the ASB Class to host online elections in the 2019-20 school year or a vote by the ASB Class to host in-person elections at the start of the 2020-21 school year. The vote requires approval from the school Principal via email.
    - This vote and approval should be documented by the ASB students and kept in the event questions are asked or concerns are shared at a later date.

- If the ASB Class votes and the principal approves online elections in the 2019-20 school year:
    - The students should create a plan/breakdown that addresses the following concerns:
        - How will students be notified of the election opportunities?
        - Which electronic platform will be used for voting?
        - How will the site ensure that students vote only once?
        - How will students from other schools be prevented from voting in your school's election?
        - Who will monitor and see the results?
    - Students should also include the following items in the plan/breakdown:
        - Application period
            - Example: Creating a Google Form application.
        - Applicant meeting
            - Example: Holding a Zoom meeting.
        - Campaigning window
            - Example: Having students make digital flyers and a campaign video to be publicized on all available platforms.
        - Election day/week
            - Examples: Candidates making a video of their election speech, a Google Form ballot being created and tested with supporting staff members and the Google Form ballot being distributed with the help of teachers and other available platforms.

        - Notification of students that did not win

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- This is an extremely important part of the election process as this news can be extremely disappointing. We want to do everything in our power to keep these students connected since they shared interest in making a positive impact on their/our school campus.
- Examples: Individual phone calls or Zoom meetings.
  - Election result announcement

- If the ASB Class votes and the principal approves fall elections:
  - The students should create a plan/breakdown that addresses the following concerns:
    - How decisions will be made and items approved after graduation/the 2019-20 school year ends and prior to the 2020-21 school year/fall elections for both ASB and the classes.
      - Example: ASB Class voting on interim officers until new officers are elected.
  - The students should also include the following items in the plan/breakdown:
    - Dates
    - Application details
    - Applicant meeting details
    - Campaigning details
    - Election day/week details
    - Plan for notification of applicants including students that did not win
    - Election result announcement details

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