

## **Student Council Candidates Campaign Guidelines**

- Speeches for Preliminary Elections will be pre-recorded by an advisor at 7:30am or after school until 4:30 pm on **September 29th**.
- Preliminary speeches will be shared during Social Studies classes on **October 1st & 2nd**. Voting will take place in class after the speeches and the top five candidates who will run for Executive Office positions will be announced on **October 5th**.
- Official election speeches for the top five candidates will be pre-recorded by an advisor at 7:30 am or after school until 4:30 pm on **October 7th**.
- Official Election speeches will be shared during English classes on **October 8th and 9th**. **The 2015-16 Executive Student Council will be announced on Monday, October 12th**.
- Posters can be placed on limited windows ONLY around the school the week of September 21st for Executive Council positions. **No posters on front school windows!**
- Speeches may not exceed the required time limit of 90 seconds for preliminary voting and 2 minutes for official elections.

### **Acceptable Forms of Campaign Techniques for Executive Student Council Elections**

1. Hang positive, brightly-colored, short and to the point posters for your position in the hallways, cafeteria, and on the glass ONLY facing the courtyard. No posters may be hung in the front of the school or on the outside facing windows.
2. You MUST hang all posters with painter's tape. This can be purchased at Lowe's, Walmart, etc.
3. Be creative and come up with a slogan that represents you and what you stand for.
4. Pass out flyers in bright colored paper to your learning communities stating the values you stand firm on or what Fisher Middle means to you and how you will represent your school. Too many words is too much information. Be short, sweet, and to the point.
5. Create buttons or ribbons for your peers to wear to campaign on your behalf.
6. You may **NOT** hand out candy or treats at anytime to any students for election purposes.

### **NON-Acceptable Forms of Campaign Techniques for Student Council**

1. You may NOT make any statements about your opponents in a speech or on a poster/flyer.
2. You may NOT take down another opponent's poster to hang up yours.
3. There should not be misspelled words or inappropriate language on your posters or campaign tools.

~\*~Good luck, and have fun and learn from the process!~\*~

Please have your parent/guardian READ and SIGN below stating they agree to the following statements.

1. I understand that I must have transportation home promptly after Student Council meetings.
2. I understand that I must maintain at least a C average in all my classes.
3. I understand that I am expected to attend Student Council meetings. If I am unable to attend a meeting, I must bring in a PARENT NOTE or have them EMAIL Mrs. Cox. ([sdcox@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:sdcox@greenville.k12.sc.us)) I will then arrange a time to meet with one of the officers or co-advisors to learn what I missed.
4. I understand that as a Student Council member I am AT ALL TIMES a representative of PJFM School and will be required to exhibit leadership in all aspects of school life.
5. I understand that as a Student Council representative, I will be held to a high standard and any disciplinary infractions may result in my dismissal from Student Council.
6. I agree to participate in Student Council activities, events, and meetings.
7. I understand that failure to abide by the PJFM Student Council Constitution may result in my dismissal from Student Council.

I have read and understand the above statements. I agree to act accordingly.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the above statements. I give approval for my son/daughter to participate in PJFM Student Council.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_