CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OF

FARSON-EDEN HIGH SCHOOL

FARSON, WYOMING

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**Preamble**

The mission of the Associated Students of Farson-Eden High School, Farson. Wyoming shall be to create a school that will enable all students to have an equal opportunity for an education, according to their abilities and interest, in an association with other students and their teachers.

The goals of the organization shall be to generate a stronger bond of fellowship and cooperation between students and school’s staff, to promote the interests of each worthy organization in the school, to foster high scholastic expectation among students and teachers, and to stimulate interest in activities, which advance the growth and enlightenment of all students.

**Article I: NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Student Council of Farson-Eden High School.

**Article II: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to govern the student body of Farson-Eden High School. The student body consists of all enrolled students, grades 9-12.

**Article III: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section I:**

The Student Council shall consist of : An elected President (who must have at least one year of experience on the council), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian. These officers will be your voting delegates at the WASC convention in November. There will also be a Class representative from each of the 4 classes (9-12 grades). We will have At-Large positions that will be filled by members who would like to be on the student council. Term of office shall be one year, beginning with the last day of school in the spring until the last day of school the following spring (or until the scrapbook is complete).

**Section II:**

The Student Council shall have Faculty adviser(s) to assist in all of the proceedings of the Student Council. The Principal shall appoint the adviser(s) and the Principal shall assist with the Student Council when needed.

**Clause 1: STAFF APPROVAL**

Any activities or powers of the Student Council shall be approved and supported by the sponsors, staff and principal of Farson-Eden High School, Farson, Wyoming.

**Article IV: QUALIFICATIONS**

**Section I:**

Each officer of the Student Council must be a member of the student body for the upcoming school year, and must meet requirements as specified by the WSHAA at the time of the election, must be in good standing, (see Section II), and maintain a 3.0 GPA. In the event the GPA falls below a 3.0 members shall be an At-Large member and placed on probation for one quarter to try to bring it up.

**Section II:**

The Class Representative must be a person elected as President of their class, or elected as Class Representative by their class, must be of the student body, must be members of the high schools’ existing grades, must be in good standing, and must maintain a 2.75 GPA or better for the completed semesters. In the event that the GPA falls below a 2.75 members shall be on probation for one quarter.

**Article V: ELECTIONS**

**Section I:**

Any qualified student interested in running for a Student Council Office: (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian) will submit his/her desire to the Student Council adviser(s) by the date specified. A speech must be given before the student body. Speeches will be approved by advisor(S) prior to presentation on Election Day.

**Section II:**

All election results will be announced to the student body on the following day or on the day of the student body election. Information regarding the votes will be available upon request.

**Clause II:**

A candidate may request a formal recount if there is less than a 10-vote variance in votes between the returns for the respective candidate running for the same office.

1. A formal request must be submitted to the adviser(s) of the Student Council within seven days, and no later than seven days of the Student Council elections.
2. The name of the representative of the candidate must be submitted at the time of a request of a recount. The representative of the candidate as well as a representative of the opposition candidate must be present at the time of the recount before said recount can take place. The results of the recount must be announced in accordance with Section II of this constitution.

**Section III:**

A person receiving the largest amount of the votes cast for his/her representative office shall be considered elected.

**Section IV:**

The results of the elections for the Student Council and class officers shall be considered final upon the formal announcement of those results to the student body and the President of the Student Council.

**Section V:**

Class Representatives, and officers shall be elected during the Student Council Elections, to be held during the Spring Semester of each school year, and will serve for the following year. If the classes have not held elections and or has not picked a representative by the time the election is announced, a student can be appointed by the Student Council adviser(s).

**Section VI:**

Class Representatives shall be those students who are elected president of their respective classes or elected class representative. In case of the class president holding an office in the Student Council the Vice President of the class shall be the representative, or the class may choose to elect a representative. If one has not been elected by announcement of student council then one may be appointed.

**Article VI: CLASS OFFICERS**

Each of the existing classes shall constitute an organization with at least a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and a Reporter/Historian upon discretion of the class. The President shall have the power to appoint special committees or standing committees deemed necessary. This shall be subject to the class by a majority vote for approval. Election of the class officers will take place during the spring semester of the school year at the same time as Student Council Elections.

**Article VII: LINE OF SUCCESSION**

In case of removal of the President (for either GPA or misconduct) from the office or his/her ability to discharge powers and duties, of the said office if the President is removed during the 1st quarter of the school year there will be a new election held. If removal during the 2nd-4th quarter his/her duties shall fall to the Vice President and then the following in the following order: Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Historian.

**Article VIII: VOTING**

**Section I:**

The following shall have a vote in the Student Council meeting: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian and each Representative. It will be predetermined whether the At-Large would vote.

**Section II:**

The President, who shall serve as a Chairman of the Student Council meetings, shall vote in case of a tie vote.

**Article IX: REMOVAL**

**Section I:**

Removal from the Student Council is specified on a code of conduct in Section II, attached to the end of the Constitution.

**Section II:**

A student shall be considered in violation of good standing and subject to disqualification from running for a Student Council office or subject to disciplinary action by the Student Council Adviser(s) and Principal for these violations or for conduct decided unfavorable by the Student Council adviser(s) and Principal.

1. One truancy is tolerated, if you get the second one, you are removed from the council.
2. When a student is found in violation of our District’s Alcohol and Other Drug Policy, the District policy will be enforced. (Refer to District Policy).
3. Any student convicted of vandalism will be removed from the Council.
4. Any student in violation of the hazing rule will be removed from the Council.
5. A Student Council member may be removed from the office after undergoing disciplinary action by Principal for violations of conduct deemed unfavorable as outlined in the Farson-Eden High School Handbook. A faculty council will make a decision, regarding removal from the Council.
6. Failure to participate in designated activities, you are expected to be there to set up, attend, and clean up for activities. If you are not going to be able to be there, then you must let the Student Council adviser(s) know as soon as possible.
7. Attendance at Leadership Class is expected. If you cannot attend you need to let your sponsor(s) know.

**Section III:**

In the case of removal of an officer or representative from the Student Council during the first quarter of the school year, an election will be held to re-elect that position. In the event that removal occurs during the 2nd-4th quarter of the school year, we will go in line of succession in Article VII which will place succeeding officer taking over duties. If the student re-elected holds another position on the Student Council, he/she will be bumped up to the new position. This process will be exercised until all duties are filled.

**Article X: GOALS FOR COUNCIL**

**Section I:**

Farson Eden Student Council will strive to be an Honor Council with Meritorious Distinction

**Section II:**

Farson Eden Student Council will have an activity for their students every month. They will recognize all students and staff every month. They will participate in the WASC state charity. They will attend the Summit in the early fall of the year. The Farson Eden Advisor(s) will attend the advisers meeting at the WASC state conference.

**Section III:**

Farson Eden Student Council will participate in at least 3 community and or school service projects.

**Article XI: AMENDING OR CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION**

**Section I:**

Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be presented in the writing to the Student Council at least two (2) weeks prior to being voted on. The reading of the proposed amendment must occur at the meeting previous to the vote. The amendment must be approved by the Student Council Advisor(s) and the Principal before adoption.

**Section II:**

The Constitution shall be revised when deemed necessary by the student council, the sponsors, and the Principal of Farson-Eden High School.

**Article XII: ENACTMENT CLAUSE**

This constitution shall go into effect annually upon election of the Student Council, and upon approval of the Student Council Advisor(s) and the Principal of Farson-Eden High School, Farson, Wyoming.