

## Student Government Candidates Meeting

### **Congratulations on your decision to run for student government:**

- Campaign materials:
  - ✓ Tasteful, truthful, positive
- Class assemblies will be \_\_\_\_\_
  - ✓ Juniors (Next year's seniors) 5<sup>th</sup> Period
  - ✓ Sophomores (Next Year's Juniors) 6<sup>th</sup> Period
  - ✓ Freshmen (Next Year's Sophomores) 7<sup>th</sup> period
- Go to class first, then accompany your class to the auditorium
- Sit near the front of the theater (Tell your teacher in advance of this)
- I will introduce Student Body Officers (\_\_\_\_\_)

### **Student body officers will give their platform speeches, followed by class officer candidates:**

- Bring an outline of your speech to Mrs. Ranieri no later than \_\_\_\_\_ for approval.
  - ✓ Students/Slates who don't provide an outline WILL NOT SPEAK.
  - ✓ You may bring in your outline in person or email it to ([anita\\_ranieri@gfps.k12.mt.us](mailto:anita_ranieri@gfps.k12.mt.us))
- When planning your speech, consider the following:
  - ✓ All members of the slate should participate.
  - ✓ The speech should be planned and rehearsed.
  - ✓ The CMR Constitution should be considered before formulating a platform.
  - ✓ Be prepared, confident, articulates, and succinct (Be precise)
  - ✓ Be able to project your voice to the entire audience.
  - ✓ The speech should promote voting in a positive and constructive way.
  - ✓ Derogatory or inappropriate remarks or behavior will not be tolerated.
- Legislative candidates will line up and state their name (Please enunciate—we won't be in a hurry!)

### **Duties and functions of student government:**

- Serve as a bridge/liason between administration/faculty and the student body.
- Specific duties are outlined in the constitution of CMR.
- Think very carefully about running. Students before you have set the bar very high in terms of what is expected of you as a class or student-body officer.

### **Expectations & Time Commitment:**

- Senior officers, Senators, and Representatives will be expected to prepare the freshman orientation video, with a bulk of the work on it done prior to the close of school this year. (you will have guidance from faculty)
- Class officers and Senators have voting privileges within student government. Representatives have a voice in voting issues, but do not have a vote.
- All officers, Senators, and Representatives are expected to work together throughout the summer in the preparation of Homecoming.

- All officers, Senators, and Representatives are expected to participate positively at school and in the community – attending events and representing CMR in a positive manner.
- Senior officers, Senators, and Representatives organize Prom.
- Officers, Senators, and Representatives from every class do a class service project.
- All Officers, Senators, and Representatives help with the twice-yearly blood drive.
- All Officers, Senators, and Representatives help with the food drive at Christmas.

### **Attendance:**

- Attendance is Mandatory for all planned/organized meetings. These include club activity days, monthly meetings—before, after, or during school.
- Meetings will be clearly designated prior to the meeting date.
- Absences will be excused only when the individual in charge of the meeting, supervisor, or class president are notified in advance, of the absence.
- Members are allowed one absence per semester, per term. Attendance will be distinguished by semester.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Family and school are priorities above the duties of student government; however, each member is expected to take part, on a regular basis, in government activities.
- Class Officers will monitor Senators/Representatives participation.
- It is the responsibility of each member to be aware of the issues of events Student Government is involved with; i.e., meetings, activities, and fund raisers.
- Comply with attendance, ethics, and standards in addition to the Constitution of C. M. Russell High School.

### **Standards:**

- As of the last day of the current academic year through the end of the next academic year, any Student Government member cited with an MIP (alcohol, drugs, or tobacco) and/or assigned OSS will be removed from their position.
- Student Government members must be passing at least five classes each semester to maintain eligibility for student government participation.