

What is Student Council? The Student Council will be an elected team of representatives from 4th and 5th grade. The members must demonstrate good citizenship and values through their positive behavior and conduct. Under the direction of the Student Council Advisors, the students will meet 1-2 times a month during the school year to discuss school issues, concerns and to formulate plans for school-wide activities. The Council members play an important leadership and service role in our school and are expected to attend meetings regularly.

Students will be able to run for the position of Student Council President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Social Justice Representative.

Student Council Member Roles & Responsibilities

- **President** is responsible for representing the student body at all meetings, helps to develop the agenda for meetings and manages meetings
- **Vice-President** will work closely with the president to implement changes that will impact the school, participate in student council sponsored events and step in and take charge whenever the president isn't available
- **Treasurer** handles any funds & products that are collected through activities or fundraising efforts, keeps track of financial & collection records under the guidance of the Student Council Advisors
- **Recording Secretary** is responsible for "taking minutes" (notes) at all meetings. The note taking includes keeping track of all discussion details so those notes are available for future reference.
- **Social Justice Representative** will take on the role of engaging student discussions and planning for changes and adjustments to create an equitable environment throughout the school day and all grades. This includes being part of the coordination of school-wide community service events.

2023-24 Student Council Criteria For Elections

Step 1 Student Intent to Participate In Elections: Students must complete the *Intent to Participate Permission Slip* with their families at home. Forms are due in school by **Thursday, November 30th**.

Step 2 Campaign Poster: Create a poster (use poster board, **no foam boards**) that includes the following information.

- The poster size should not exceed 22" x 28."
- A picture of yourself.
- Include your first and last names.
- Tell what position you are running for; ex: Student Council President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Area-C Representative
- Some words describing unique qualities that make you the best candidate for the position.

Posters are due Thursday, December 7th. Posters will be displayed in a designated area to allow all Bradford students to view the candidate profiles.

Step 3 Campaign Speeches: Candidates will need to prepare a speech describing why you should be chosen as President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer or Area-C Student Representative

- Speeches should include your name and the position you are running for.
- Give specific examples of how you have exhibited good character traits in school and/or at home that would make you the best candidate.
- Describe ways you would like to help the Bradford community.
- Make no promises about topics such as extra recess or no homework.
- Speech should be no more than 6-8 sentences (max one side of a page), double-spaced in at least a 14-18 point size font. This will make it easier for you to read your speech aloud.
- All speeches will be reviewed by the student council advisors before the special assembly. No changes can be made to speeches after they are submitted.

Speeches are due Wednesday, December 13th by 9:00 a.m. Candidates will present speeches at a **special assembly** on **Friday, December 15th at 9:15 a.m.** followed by **elections** in classrooms that afternoon. Parents of candidates are welcome to attend the presentation of speeches. Please report to the main office to sign in when you arrive.

* All deadlines are firm dates. No late submissions will be accepted.

Any questions please e-mail [Ms. H. Tamasco](#) or [Dr. F. Aboushi](#), the Student Council Advisors.

Bradford School Student Council

(Due Thursday, November 30, 2023)

Step 1: Student Intent to Participate In Elections

I, _____ (first & last name)
would like to run for Student Council.

I will be running for: (check one)

- President
- Vice-President
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Social Justice Representative

Student Signature: _____

I have read through the Student Council criteria with my child and grant
_____ permission to run in the
Student Council Elections.

Parent Name (printed) _____

Parent Signature _____

Questions??? Please email the Student Council Advisors, Ms. H. Tamasco
(htamasco@montclair.k12.nj.us) or Dr. F. Aboushi (faboushi@montclair.k12.nj.us).