The Constitution of the Associated Student Body of Black Hills High School

Preamble: We, the students of Arthur Garrett West Black Hills High School in order to establish school pride, equality for all students, a positive learning environment, and quality academic and athletic programs, do ordain this constitution of the Associated Student Body of BHHS.

Article I Name and Color

Section 1. Name

This student government shall be called the Associated Student Body (hereafter referred to as ASB) of Black Hills High School.

Section 2. Color

The official colors of Black Hills High School are Navy Blue and Scarlet Red.

Section 3. Mascot

The official mascot of Black Hills High School is the wolf.

Article II The Legislative Branch

Section 1. Representation

I. Each Homeroom shall elect a Representative and an alternate during the first month of school.

II. One of the elected officials from each Homeroom will attend the Legislative meetings and report back to their prospective class regarding the proceedings.

III. Should a vote be taken in their individual "Pack" class, the Representative is responsible for carrying the results to the ASB officials.

Section 2. Attendance

I. No elected Representative shall be considered absent or tardy from class while attending a Legislative meeting. Any other person needing to attend the meeting must get prior approval from the teacher(s).
II. Attendance of the Representative or alternate is mandatory unless they are excused from school that day. All Homeroom classes must be represented.
III. Second period ASB representatives and alternates can alternate meetings to reduce the impact of missing class.
IV. It is mandatory for every class officer to attend ASB meetings unless they are excused from school that day.

Section 3. Duties of the Representative

I. They will, during the meeting, represent opinions and thoughts of their second period class on all matters concerning the Legislature.
II. They are responsible for communicating information discussed at the meeting back to their Homeroom class/es.
III. The Representatives, acting as a full Legislative body, can override a presidential veto by a 2/3-majority vote.
IV. A simple motion is made by the voting of the representatives and class officers, a motion is passed by a simple majority.
V. All voting will be done by ballots instead of the raising of the hand.

Section 4. Presentation

I. To present a bill or issue to the Legislative body, the speaker representing the group or individual must notify the ASB officer 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.
II. All issues must be approved 24 hours prior to the meeting by the Activities Director and listed on the agenda.
III. At the meeting, they will speak and present their idea(s) and/or concern(s).
IV. The Vice President will decide the course of action necessary to complete the task and the chairperson will initiate any action.

Section 6. Rights Reserved

The officers reserve the right to:
-Make grievances to the school administration.
-Arbitrate disputes between clubs, organizations, and athletic teams.
-Establish or review budgets for all clubs, organizations, and athletic teams.
-Maintain and monitor the ASB budgets.

Section 7. Powers Denied

Defer to the Administration
The ASB officers and the Legislative body shall adhere to school district and state policy and shall exercise no power beyond that granted by the aforementioned articles of this Constitution. Any further ASB action is subject to reversal by

the administration such that it does not conflict with school district, state, and federal law.

Article III ASB Finance

I. The Associated Student Body of Black Hills High School is the only recognized organization to engage in or collect money from activities and athletic events at BHHS from students or non-students.

II. ASB funds may not be raised or expended as gifts or grants for scholarship purposes.

III. Any items purchased by the ASB become property of Tumwater School District.

IV. If any group, club, or organization wants to charge a fee for an activity, the ASB Legislature must approve it. A reduced fee or waiver may be given to low income families if prior approval from the school board is given.

Article IV Election Process

I. All ASB members are eligible to vote

II. Freshmen through juniors will elect ASB officers.

III. Class officers will be elected by their respective classes.

IV. ASB officers will campaign as individuals.

V. Class officers will submit an application individually.

VI. The candidates may campaign five days prior to the election.
1. Posters and signs will be posted according to school policy for such events.
2. Approved ASB funded materials may be used for campaigning.
3. Slanderous, negative campaigning tactics will result in removal from the election.

VII. Students wanting to run for any office must complete all required paperwork and submit it by the specified date in order to be eligible for office. See election packet.

VIII. Optional: Every sponsor must also have a sponsor to fill in, if for some reason an officer can no longer serve his/her term.

IX. In the case of a tie, the current ASB Officers will choose the best fit candidate

Article V ASB Positions

I. The ASB officers at Black Hills High School shall individually and form a team consisting of six members. The positions include, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Judge/Historian, and Social Chair.

II. Eligibility to run for an office/court position by each individual include:

1. Being of junior or senior standing, with the exceptions of the President who shall be of senior standing.

2. 2.5 GPA and not failing any high school courses.

3. Is enrolled in the leadership class for the two semesters while holding office.

4. Sign and adhere to the Oath of Office.

5. If these requirements are not met and held during his/her term in office, it may be appealed to the board. Board members include the principal, vice-principal, activities director, and two teachers.

III. Requirements to maintain office:

1. Enrolled in the leadership class for the two semesters while holding office.

2. Each officer needs a progress report once every three weeks.

3. If a grade check via progress report, mid-term, or final report showed below a 2.5 or failing any classes, the officer would need to appear before a board consisting of Principal, Vice-Principal, activities director and two teachers. They would make a decision based on the information and recommend an academic plan or dismissal from his/her position.

4. Maintain the requirements as stated within the duties of the office.

IV. Duties and Powers of the ASB Committee:

1. All members are required to uphold the duties and powers listed below and requirements stated in the ASB Election Packets.

3. All officers must perform any further duties assigned by the Activities Directory.

3. Members will hold office from spring to spring the following year, two semesters.

Section 1. President

I. Shall act as a liaison and establish a regular meeting schedule for the Executive Council, Student Council, and other identified committees.

II. Prepare agendas for the monthly Legislative meetings, as well as head all meetings in absence of the Vice-President.

V. Represent and serve as chairman to the ASB and entire student body of Black Hills High School. They will be required to attend mandatory and other community meetings as well as *"be the voice for our School."*

Section 2. Vice President

I. Take over the office and duties and attend meetings of the President in his/her absence.

II. Serve as a chairperson and head the monthly Legislative Meetings.

III. Meet regular basis with the President and Activities Director to plan agendas for Legislative meetings, goal setting, activity planning, and decision-makings.

IV. Assist in the overall supervision of the ASB office.

Section 3. Treasurer

I. Work closely with the ASB Financial Secretary in keeping accurate computer records of all ASB financial transactions.

II. Assist the Financial Secretary in maintaining an up-to-date record of accounts and organized files of all ASB purchases, receipts, and financial correspondences.

III. Prepare, provide and discuss monthly financial reports at the Legislative meetings.

IV. Establish a schedule and overall plan for developing the ASB budget for the upcoming year.

V. Authorize purchase orders and transactions by signing appropriate documents to all ASB accounts.

Section 4. Secretary

I. Publish and distribute agenda and record minutes at all ASB/Legislative meetings.

II. Oversee inventory and maintain adequate supplies and equipment, as well as all ASB correspondences.

III. Take attendance at Legislative meetings.

Section 5. Social Chair

I. Perform duties at ASB social functions such as banquets, dances, etc.

II. Act as a liaison for social events involving other schools.

Section 6. Judge

I. Maintain order at all Legislative meetings.

II. Interact with the administration in events such as, litter control, vandalism, ASB sponsored events, and school dances.

III. Regularly meet with the Activities Director to evaluate and discuss progress of the student activity programs.

Article VI Procedure of Impeachment of Executive Officials

Section 1. Any members of the Executive Board may be brought to trial by use of this procedure.

Section 2. Only members of the legislature may bring charges against an officer. No member of the executive board may bring charges against another member.

Section 3. Articles of Impeachment:

I. Lack of responsibility

II. Failure to maintain adequate attendance

III. Failure to maintain adequate G.P.A.

IV. Miss-use of power

V. Disloyalty to A.S.B.

VI. Failure to meet the standards of the A.S.B. code conduct

Section 4. The Writ of Impeachment

I. The prosecutor shall make formal accusation of wrong doing to the Judge.

II. If the Judge considers the charges valid, the legislature shall issue a Writ of Impeachment. The Judge can be overridden by a 2/3 majority vote by the legislature.

III. The Writ of Impeachment shall be read at a special Legislative meeting.

IV. The Writ of Impeachment shall contain the following:

1. Name of the accused
2. The reasons of impeachment
3. Recommendation for a trial
4. The signature of the prosecutor(s) and of the judge verifying the writ as legal.

Article VII Succession

The order of succession shall be as follows:

1. The sponsor shall fill the position unless the president is impeached. If impeached, the Vice-President shall become President and the sponsor shall become Vice-President.
2. If two or more officers are impeached, a nominated person shall fill the open position.

Article VIII Amendments to the Constitution

I. The legislature, ASB officers, or staff of BHHS can propose amendments.

II. The administration, the School Board, and a 2/3 vote in the legislature must approve amendments.

III. The amendment takes effect immediately upon passage.

IV. When a class officer moves the order for filling the void is as follows: if the president leaves the vice president becomes president, then the secretary becomes vice president, and the treasurer becomes secretary. All officers would discuss this move to make sure the council members are comfortable with the changing of positions. If not, the individual may retain their current position. Then, the runner-up of the initial vacant position fills the now vacant class officer position. If the initial vacant position was not challenged, then there will be a new election for the now vacant class officer position.

V. Fundraisers may be approved weekly by the ASB officers during their ASB Council meetings, contingent upon the presence of at least four out of the six members. 50% plus is required for approval.