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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

The Wrangell Public School Board shall appoint two high school students as a Student Board Representative and an alternate to serve on the Board.

1. **Role.** The role of the student representative and alternate shall be:
    a. To provide student insight and perspective to the school board;
    b. To serve as liaison to the students of the district; and
    c. To report to district students about the work of the school board.

2. **Eligibility Requirements**. The eligibility requirements for a student representative and alternate are:
    a. To be a full-time student (as defined by the state) in good standing at Wrangell High School with passing grades in every class, regular attendance, and enrolled in grades ten, eleven or twelve;
    b. To maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average;
    c. To be willing to commit the necessary time to attend the regular board meetings during the regular school year, including board conferences, and to perform the duties and responsibilities of a student representative. Student attendance at special board meetings will be encouraged; and
    d. Demonstrated interest in school, extra-curricular, and/or community-based activities is preferred

3. **Responsibilities**. Responsibilities for a successful student representative and alternate are:
    a. To gather input about issues facing the board and to communicate to students about the activities of the board;
    b. To maintain regular school attendance, appropriate conduct, and grade point average;
    c. To participate in board discussions, but not to make motions, vote, hold board offices, or attend executive or closed sessions. The student representative shall cast preferential votes before the board votes. The votes shall be recorded in the minutes, but shall not affect the outcome of a vote. The alternate will only fill this role in the absence of the Student Representative.
    d. To receive materials distributed to board members, with the exception of materials relating to executive/closed sessions, individual students, employees, and other confidential matters.
    e. To represent the board in a professional manner when engaged in board work, including appropriate attire at board functions, e.g. casual business dress for board meetings.
    f. To participate in one of the Board Standing Committees during his or her term;
    g. To attend training at the Youth Leadership Institute in November during his or her term if funding is available;

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h. To advocate for the district with the Board at Youth Advocacy Institute in February during his or her term if funding is available.
i. If a student representative cannot fulfill the obligations, another student representative may be appointed in their place to be determined by the School Board.
j. The student representative serves at the discretion of the Board. The board may remove a student during the term:
    i. If he or she becomes ineligible;
    ii. For failure to fulfill his or her duties;
    iii. For failure to maintain academic standards; or
    iv. For behaviors that the board deems unacceptable for a member of the board of directors.

4. **Limitations**. Each student representative:
    a. Will not be responsible for representing constituencies aside from the district student body at large;
    b. Will not be paid or receive an honorarium; and
    c. Will have airfare, conference fees and lodging expenses paid by the district for out-of-town board conferences

5. **Guidelines**
    a. The district will provide appropriate levels of support and resources for student representatives to carry out their responsibilities. The Board President shall appoint a board designee to support and assist the student in their duties.
    b. The Board President or designee will contact student representatives before every regular meeting to facilitate, assist in planning and prepare for board meetings.
    c. Attendance at regular school board meetings is required. Student representatives and alternates shall notify the Board President or district Administrative Assistant of a planned absence. Student representatives need not attend meetings held during the summer.
    d. Student representatives shall receive (.5) pass-fail elective credit per year with sixty-five (65) documented hours of time.
    e. Student representatives will provide annually an evaluation of their experience no later than June.
    f. The procedure for student representatives will be reviewed annually by the school board and student representatives.

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6. **Selection Process**
   a. In accordance with the rotation specified below, Wrangell High School will solicit applicants in the Spring from the Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior class to serve as student representative to the board for a one-year term during their sophomore, junior or senior year.
   b. Applicants will submit a letter of interest, resume and letters of recommendation from an administrator and a faculty member. The applicant will also present to the Board on why he/she desires to hold the position of Student Representative to the Board.
   c. The Student Representative's term begins at the August Board meeting and ends after the following June Board meeting. The student representative shall be recognized and sworn in at the first Board meeting they attend.

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