CONSTITUTION OF THE
LAVINA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this association shall be the Lavina High School Student Council.

ARTICLE II

Membership

The seventh, eighth, freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes shall be represented in a single body called the Lavina High School Student Council.

A. Each class shall be represented by one (1) student senator and three (3) class officers. Class officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer.

B. Student Council officers will consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, and a historian.

ARTICLE III

Purposes

The purpose of the Student Council shall be:

A. To make certain rules and regulations in harmony with administration of the school and the faculty advisor, which will be enforced by the Student Council.

B. To assist the principal in working out certain regulations that will be part of the administrative policy of the school and enforced by the school authorities or by Student Council.

C. To assist the principal and faculty in initiating and developing enterprises for the purpose of carrying on the program of general student activities.

D. To raise money by dues, assessments, admissions, or by moneymaking enterprises for the purpose of carrying on the program of general student activities.

E. To charter all school classes and clubs desiring fundraising capabilities under the Lavina High School. Annual fundraising participation requires a formal letter including the

appropriate signatures. (See Appendix A) Clubs/classes desiring any fundraiser must seek approval by the Student Council prior to each activity. (See Appendix B)

F. To promote student activities.

G. To develop harmonious relations between the students, administration, and faculty.

H. To develop attitudes of good citizenship.

I. To promote the welfare of the school.

J. To develop student initiative and responsibility.

ARTICLE IV

Class Officers

A. Candidates for class officers must submit a nominating petition signed by a minimum of one half (50%) of the students from their respective classes to respective class advisor(s).

B. Nominating petitions must be turned in one week prior to the date established for the Class Election, including class officers and senators.

C. Elections for seventh, eighth, freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior class officers for the ensuing year will be held in the Spring of the previous year at a time to be determined by the Student Council.

D. Elections, for the ensuing year officers, will be conducted by the class advisor at a date determined by Student Council. The sixth grade teacher holds the election for ensuing seventh grade officers. The seventh grade advisor holds the election for ensuing eighth grade officers. The eighth grade advisor holds the election for ensuing freshman officers. The freshman advisor holds the election for ensuing sophomore officers. The sophomore advisor holds the election for ensuing junior officers. The junior advisor holds the election for ensuing senior officers.

E. Terms of all class officers shall be for the ensuing school year.

F. All nominees for class officers must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better.

G. Class president or vice-president officers are not eligible to hold Student council president or vice-president offices. They may hold other Student Council office positions, including historian or secretary-treasurer.

H. Class officers from the graduation class will be responsible for designating the disposition of any remaining funds that the class has not previously expanded.

ARTICLE V

Student Senators

A. Candidates for class senators must submit a nominating petition signed by a minimum of one half (50%) of the students from their respective classes to the respective class advisor(s).

B. Nominating petitions must be turned in one week prior to the date established for the Class Election, including class officers and senators.

C. Elections for seventh, eighth, freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior class senators for the ensuing year will be held in the Spring of the previous year at a time to be determined by the Student Council.

D. Elections, for the ensuing year officers, will be conducted by the class advisor at a date determined by Student Council. The sixth grade teacher holds the election for ensuing seventh grade officers. The seventh grade advisor holds the election for ensuing eighth grade officers. The eighth grade advisor holds the election for ensuing freshman officers. The freshman advisor holds the election for ensuing sophomore officers. The sophomore advisor holds the election for ensuing junior officers. The junior advisor holds the election for ensuing senior officers.

E. Terms of all student senators must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better.

G. Student senators may also hold a class officer position.

ARTICLE VI

Student Council Officers

A. Candidates for Student Council officers must submit a nominating petition signed by a minimum of one half (50%) of the students from each of the seventh, eighth, freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes to the Student council advisor.

B. The election for the Student Council officers for the ensuing year will be held in the Spring of the previous year at a time to be determined by the Student Council, referred to as the General Election.

C. Terms for all Student Council officers shall be for the ensuing school year.

D. All nominees for Student Council officers must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

E. Requirements for Student Council Officers are as follows: Historian – Must be a freshman through senior. Secretary/Treasurer – Must be a freshman through senior. Vice President – Must be a junior or senior and also have 1 year of experience as a class senator or 1 year as a Student Council Officer. President – Must be a junior or senior and also have 2 years of experience as a class senator or 1 year as a Student Council Officer.

F. Student Council president or vice-president officers are not eligible to hold class president or vice-president offices. They may hold other class office positions, including secretary-treasurer, or student senator.

G. See Amendment A

ARTICLE VII

Campaigning and Voting

A. Voting for all officers and student senators shall be by secret ballot according to procedure established by the Student Council.

B. Members of the senior class are not eligible to participate in voting for the candidates for the ensuing year.

C. Campaigning may begin after a candidate's nominating petition is approved by the Student Council advisor. There will be no campaigning on any election day.

D. Limits on campaign spending may be established by the Student Council, and a summary of campaign expenses may be required of each nominee upon a majority vote of the Student Council.

ARTICLE VIII

Vacancy of Office

A. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Student Council president, or any class president, the respective vice-president shall become president.

B. If a vacancy occurs in any other elected position, the vacancy will be filled by appointment on agreement by the Student Council advisor and president.

C. Any appointee to a vacancy must have the qualifications required for a regularly elected member for that council or office position.

ARTICLE IX

Removal from Office

A. A valid reason for the removal from office must be presented and approved by the Student Council advisor.

B. Upon approval by the Student Council advisor, a vote will be conducted by the Student Body consisting of grades seven-twelve. A majority of the vote is necessary for the motion to be carried to Student Council.

C. Upon passing of the motion by Student Body, a vote will be conducted by the Student Council at an official meeting determined by the Student Council advisor. This meeting is to include all elected class and council officers. A two-thirds (67%) vote is necessary to continue the motion for removal.

D. Final approval will be determined by the principal.

ARTICLE X

Duties of Officers

Active participation requires 90% attendance at regular meetings and 80% involvement in additional assigned duties (such as Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Board meetings, dances, etc.). No more than one behavioral office referral per semester (minor or major).

A. Student Council President

1. Presides over Student Council meetings.
2. Votes only in case of tie.
3. Is official representative of the Student Council.
4. Appoints all committee members with approval of the Student Council.
5. Assumes any other duties assigned by the Student Council.

B. Student Council Vice-President

1. Presides over Student Council meetings in the absence of the president.
2. Oversees and coordinates the activities of all standing committees. Is ex-officio member of all committees.
3. Is official representative of the Student Council in the absence of the president.
4. Acts as parliamentarian for the Student Council.
5. Assumes any other duties assigned by the Student Council.

C. Student Council Secretary-Treasurer

1. Is responsible for working with the Student Council president and advisor to prepare and distribute meeting agendas.
2. Keeps official minutes of all meetings to be presented for review upon completion of the meeting.
3. is responsible for accounting for income and expenditures of Student Council.
4. Is responsible for overseeing that the pop machines are filled and money is deposited two (2) times a week by the junior/eighth grade senators, to the Lavina School Clerk(s) in the main office.
5. Assumes and other duties assigned by the Student Council.

D. Student Council Historian

1. Is responsible for publishing all required Student Council announcements, such as flyers, notices, etc.
2. Is responsible for recording all Student Council events and publications in the official Student Council Portfolio throughout their term.
3. Is responsible for obtaining a typed copy of the minutes from every Student Council meeting, and including them in the official Student Council Portfolio.
4. Communicates with the yearbook staff and outside media regarding information pertaining to the Student Council.
5. Assumes any other duties assigned by the Student Council.

E. Class President

1. Presides over class meetings.
2. Appoints any committee members necessary to carry out class functions; these appointments must be approved by the class advisor.
3. Communicates with the yearbook staff and outside media regarding information pertaining to the class.
4. Assumes other duties required by the respective class.

F. Class Vice-President

1. Presides over class meetings in the absence of the president.
2. Is responsible for publishing all required class announcements, such as flyers, notices, etc.
3. Is responsible for recording all class events and publications in the official Class Portfolio throughout their term.
4. Is responsible for obtaining a typed copy of the minutes from every class meeting, and including them in the official Class Portfolio.
5. Assumes other duties required by the respective class.

G. Class Secretary-Treasurer

1. Is responsible for keeping accurate minutes of all class meetings.

2. Is responsible for accounting for all class income and expenditures in coordination with the class advisor.
3. Is responsible for forwarding minutes and accounting records to the class secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year. Record will stay with that class until graduation.
4. Assumes other duties required by the respective class.

H. Class Student Senator

1. Represents respective class at all Student Council meetings and functions.
2. Communicates Student Council events and decisions to respective classes.
3. Is responsible for presenting all class fundraisers to the Student Council for approval.
4. Assumes other duties required by the respective class.
5. The junior and eighth grade class senators are responsible for assisting the Student Council secretary-treasurer with filling and maintaining the pop machines.

ARTICLE XI

Meetings

A. Student Council Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the Student Council will be held on alternate weeks.
2. Special meetings may be called by any Student Council officer with the approval of the advisor.
3. Co-op meetings of the Broadview and Lavina Student Councils will be held once a month at the discretion of both advisors.

B. Class Meetings

1. Regular meetings of each class will be held at least once per month.
2. Special meetings may be called by any class officer with the approval of the advisor.

ARTICLE XII

Committees

A. Standing Committees

1. Standing committees and duties may be established by the Student Council.
2. Standing committees will continue to function until abolished by council action.

B. Committee Membership and Action

1. The Student Council vice-president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
2. Each committee chairman or co-chairman shall be a member of Student Council.
3. No committee shall put into effect any of its plans before they have been approved by the Student Council and /or the principal.

ARTICLE XIII

Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the authority on all questions of procedure not specifically stated in the Constitution.

ARTICLE XIV

Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Student Council present at any meeting. This is necessary to pass any business except as herein otherwise noted.

ARTICLE XV

Jurisdiction

A. The affairs and activities of the Student Council shall be within the jurisdiction of, and under the supervision of the Student Council officers, the principal, and the faculty advisor. Final authority in all association affairs rests with the principal.

B. No action shall be taken by the Student Council; which is in conflict with policies established by the Board of Trustees of School District No. 2 or the administration of Lavina High School.

C. Student Council members should express positive and constructive ideas and opinions on matters within their jurisdiction.

D. Student Council is not to be considered as a public forum for discussion of persons, places, or things beyond the realm or scope of student government.

ARTICLE XVI

Amendments

An amendment to this Constitution may be introduced at any meeting of the Student Council, to be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the Student Council. The Constitution may be amended by a majority of two-thirds (67%) of the Student Council members present at the meeting, and a vote of confidence by the Board of Trustees of School District #2.

A. In the event that no eligible student runs for Student Council office, the petitioning body will acquire three teacher references (signatures) before the student body votes to waive one of the three criteria per petitioner (GPA, class, experience) prior to the election.

   The student body will have the last say on if the person will be elected into office.

ARTICLE XVII

The Student Council Senior Distinction

Section 1: Purpose The Student Council Senior Distinction is established to honor graduating seniors who have demonstrated sustained commitment and have achieved the highest level of leadership eligibility within the Student Council.

Section 2: Eligibility Requirements To receive this distinction, a member must:

A. Candidate Status: Candidates must meet all constitutional requirements for the office of Student Council Vice-President, including years of service, prior executive roles, and

minimum grade point average. Additionally, candidates must have filed a petition to run for office or for the Senior Senator position during their senior year.

B. Active Senior Service: Remain an "Active Member" in good academic standing throughout both semesters of their senior year, maintaining the attendance and participation standards defined in Article X.

Section 3: Recognition and Awards Members who achieve this distinction shall be entitled to:

A. Commencement Honors: Receive a specialized leadership cord to be worn during the graduation ceremony (pending administration approval).

B. Formal Record: Be officially recognized in the Student Council archives and the graduation program as a "Student Council Honor Member."

Section 4: Verification The Faculty Advisor and the current Executive Board (Officers and Junior Senator) shall review the records of all graduating seniors in April to verify members who have met these criteria.