

# Rio Bravo Middle School Bylaws Constitution

Adopted on 09/25/2015

## Article I: Organization

- The club / organization known as the "Rio Bravo MS Student Council" (STUCO) is hereby formed.

## Article II: Membership

- The membership shall consist of any active student that is enrolled in Rio Bravo Middle School.

## Article III: Purpose

- The purpose of the Rio Bravo STUCO shall be to instill character traits, leadership traits, increase self-esteem, self-confidence, sense of ownership, and give back to the community. Thereby, empowering them to achieve success in and outside of the classroom. In addition, to raise funds for the various needs of the club and gift towards the campus.

## Article IV: Legislative Powers

- Legislative powers shall be vested in a 2/3 vote majority of the STUCO members.
- All STUCO members have the right to vote and administrators, staff, and faculty shall serve as advisors towards the guidance of this organization.

## Article V: Membership Selection

- All students will have the opportunity to run for an officer position.
- All current / present members and student body shall vote for the officers of the Rio Bravo Student Council.
- Veto power over any action taken by the members of the STUCO shall be vested in the Student Council sponsor and in accordance with the Rio Bravo Middle School principal.

## Article V (a): Members' duty and Service agreement

- All members must actively participate in all of the Student Council activities or fundraisers to be able to receive any benefits from those activities.
- All STUCO members must attend 75% of the meetings for a minimum time of twenty minutes (advisory period) before being given credit for attending the meeting. Students involved in other school related functions must make arrangements to receive information missed at meetings and functions.
- All STUCO members must follow the Student Code of Conduct and the Rio Bravo MS Dress Code Policy.
- Missing three meetings will result in dismissal / removal from STUCO.
- All members must show written proof of passing all classes with a minimum of 70 or above. Failure to meet grade requirements will result in the student being placed on probation for 3 weeks.
- No member of STUCO can have an office referral which has resulted in a consequence, placement in SAC, or suspension. In addition, no STUCO officer will be part of a disciplinary situation that arises or creates doubts regarding personal character or questionable behavior.
- Failure to comply with any of the above requirements above mentioned will result in the dismissal/ removal of the member from the Rio Bravo MS STUCO.

## Article VI: Officers and Duties

- Officers shall include: president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer and 1 ambassador to the Student Advisory Council to the Superintendent (SAC). Ambassador may be an officer.
- Office vacancies shall be filled by proceeding STUCO members.

## Article VII: Meetings

- The Rio Bravo STUCO shall hold meetings as noted on pre-determined schedule @12:00 pm (advisory 6<sup>th</sup> period) and may be called at any time, if necessary. The finalized schedule o meeting was distributed on the first STUCO meeting of the year.

Article VIII: Powers and Duties

- The powers and duties of the officers are as follows:

President: will help the sponsor facilitate meetings. Other responsibilities include:

- Preside over and conduct regularly scheduled and emergency meetings that are needed for effective body leadership
- Give guidance, support and leadership to school activities that are a proved by the administration and student body
- Plan, support, implement and delegate responsibilities within the framework of student activities supported by adult sponsorship
- Generate enthusiasm for athletic events on campus and promote school spirit throughout the year
- Exhibit exemplary behavior, leadership and follow Student Code of Conduct and Rio Bravo MS Dress Code Policy
- Participate in all STUCO sponsored activities
- Votes to break a tie in general meetings and officer meetings

Vice-president: Shall fill in the vacancy of the president, assist president in any way, form or shape. Other responsibilities include:

- Attend all STUCO meetings
- Generate enthusiasm for athletic events on campus and promote school spirit throughout the year
- Exhibit exemplary behavior, leadership and follow Student Code of Conduct and Rio Bravo MS Dress Code Policy
- Work closely with President to be fully aware of responsibilities in the event of his/her absence and assume the leadership role. President may designate Vice-President to preside over meetings
- Coordinate work committees
- Participate in all STUCO sponsored activities
- Assume Historian duties by taking pictures of meeting and events for yearbook and end of the year movie documentations.
- Assume Secretary duties by keeping records of attendance and taking accurate notes during meetings, motions and disposition of items.

Secretary/Treasurer: Responsibilities for Secretary/Treasurer include:

- Attend all STUCO meetings
- Generate enthusiasm for athletic events on campus and promote school spirit throughout the year
- Exhibit exemplary behavior, leadership and follow Student Code of Conduct and Rio Bravo MS Dress Code Policy
- Assume Secretary duties by keeping records of attendance and taking accurate notes during meetings, motions and disposition of items.
- Report the income and expenditures of STUCO monies every meeting
- Participate in all STUCO sponsored activities
- Assume Historian duties by taking pictures of meeting and events for yearbook and end of the year movie documentations.

Ambassador will attend bi-monthly SAC meetings held at YISD central offices.

Article IX: Ratification of STUCO Constitution

- This constitution may be ratified by the 2/3 majority vote, club sponsor with principal approval.

Article X: Provisions for Amendment

- An amendment may be introduced by any active STUCO member.
- Amendment may be added to this Constitution when deemed necessary by 2/3 vote of the STUCO members.

Article XI: Fundraising Monies Collected

- Shall be used for the following purposes and must meet a majority vote:
  1. Shirts for all STUCO members
  2. Any and all costs related to field trips decided by STUCO
  3. Supplies for fundraising and community service projects

By signatures witnessed below the Rio Bravo Student Council President, Rio Bravo Student Council Vice President, and Rio Bravo Student Council sponsor and its members have willfully agreed by a 2/3 majority vote to the terms and bylaws mentioned above.

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STUCO President                                      STUCO Vice President                                      STUCO Sponsor                                      Date