

BYLAWS & CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GENERAL SHERMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT ORGANIZATION
G.S.P.O

Article I - Name

Section I – The name of this organization shall be the General Sherman Parent Organization of Lancaster, Ohio.

Section II – A member of the General Sherman Parent Organization, in whatever capacity, never replaces the teacher, but rather offers supplementary services which can increase a teacher's or school's effectiveness.

Section III – Mutual respect between school and parents will be the basis of a good working relationship with each other.

Section IV – Understand that the effect of criticism of school personnel, members of the General Sherman Parent Organization and school practices is most harmful unless constructive suggestions and ideas are brought to the attention of this organization.

Section V – To fulfill our obligation to the school, it is understood that the principal is the key person in the school, and is in over-all charge of all personnel, including General Sherman Parent Organization members in the school.

Article II- Purpose

Section I - The purpose of this organization shall be to promote excellence of education for students by providing the opportunity for sharing problems, ideas and concerns.

Section II – This organization shall provide an atmosphere for communication between the school and parents as well as a vehicle for cooperative action.

Section III – This organization will work with the school's educators and general public to raise funds to acquire items for the students and teachers of General Sherman Junior High School. This will help improve the opportunity for each and every student to have the highest advantages in academic, physical and social development.

Article III - Membership

Section I – Any General Sherman parent or guardian interested in the purpose for which this organization is founded, shall be eligible for membership.

Article IV – Offices

Section I – The officers of the General Sherman Parent Organization shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Section II – Duties

- A. President – shall preside at all meetings, may appoint all committee chairpersons. Provide leadership for the organization.
- B. Vice-President – shall be present at all meetings. Shall act as the president in case of the president’s absence. Will handle publicity.
- C. Secretary – shall be present at all meetings. Shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall handle all correspondence of the organization. Treasurer – shall be present at all meetings. Shall handle the money raised through service projects and pay all outstanding bills approved by the organization.

Article V – Standing Committee/s

Section I – Such Standing Committees shall be created by the officers and the building principal as may be required to promote the objectives and interests of the organization.

Section II – The President shall appoint Standing Committee members with the advice and consent of the other officers and the building principal.

Section III –The Chairperson of all Standing Committees shall present plans of work to the officers and the building principal.

Article VI – Election Procedure

Section I – The annual election shall be held at a general meeting no later than September of each year.

Section II – Election to an office will be based on receiving the highest number of votes cast for the position.

Section III – Officers will be officially installed at the election meeting (in May) and will assume their duties.

Article VII – Meeting Procedures

Section I – The General Sherman Parent Organization will meet once a month. The dates and times will be set and announced by the building principal.

Section II – The General Sherman Parent Organization decisions will be based on a simple majority of those present and voting.

Section III – The president will preside over all meetings.

Section IV – A revised form of Robert’s Rules of Order will be in effect at all meetings.

Article VIII – Amendments and Ratification

Section I – Amendments of bylaws are to be presented in writing to the president of the General Sherman Parent Organization. The president and officers will study the amendment until the following month’s meeting. Then, if the amendment is applicable, the organization will vote on acceptance of the amendment.

Section II – Any parent/guardian or educator may submit an amendment or bylaw to the constitution.

Section III – It will take a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at a general meeting to pass an amendment or bylaw, or to ratify the bylaws.

Article IX – Constitutional Review

Section I – This constitution shall be reviewed every two years by a committee of no less than three people appointed by the president for this purpose.

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