



DISTRICT OF CLEARWATER CHARTER FOR JUNIOR COUNCIL

Purpose:

1. To provide an opportunity for the Youth of Clearwater to acquire a greater knowledge of and an appreciation of the local government system through active participation in decision-making and implementation systems.
2. To assist the Mayor and Council of the District of Clearwater (DOC) to collaborate and accomplish the goals established by the youth organization.
3. to serve the youth of the DOC by:
 - a. communicating to the municipality regarding the issues, needs and recommendations of the youth
 - b. planning and implementing Social, Educational, Cultural and Recreational activities
 - c. working with the Mayor, the Council Standing Committees, Provincial Administration, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs, interest groups and Service Organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities
 - d. to instill a feeling of positive self worth
 - e. to teach respect for the rights and property of others
 - f. to promote community pride and eliminate potential negative influences among the youth

The Junior (Youth) Council:

Shall consist of:

- A Patron (the Mayor or a Council member assigned by the Mayor),
- A DOC staff advisor (the CAO or staff member assigned by the CAO)
- Youth Advisor (Teacher Representatives) and,
- Student Council representatives who are elected by the students at CSS

Duties and Responsibilities of the Junior Council for the DOC:

1. To attend all Junior Council meetings
2. To select one of its members to attend the regular DOC Council meetings
3. To pass Motions and Resolutions as necessary by majority present, i.e.: 50%+1 of those present at a meeting and allowed to vote
4. To carry out the purpose of Junior Council as outline in the Charter
5. To prepare an agenda for each Junior Council meeting and ensure it is posted to all Junior Council members at least two (2) days in advance of each meeting
6. To participate in a debriefing session with the full Junior Council meeting once every month or as often as needed
7. To plan activities for the youth coordinating all such activities with the Patron assigned to the Junior Council

Responsibility and Authority of the Junior Council President:

1. To preside over all Junior Council meetings
2. To carry out the decision of the Junior Council
3. To attend Council meetings once a month in order to provide liaison and co-ordination between the District Council and the Junior Council
4. To propose to the Junior Council plans and projects designed and assist in the implementation of these plans and projects
5. To assign each Junior Council member areas of responsibility
6. To represent the Junior Council within and outside of the District of Clearwater

Responsibility of the Junior Councillors:

1. To be involved in the planning of strategic activities and their eventual monitoring and evaluation of Junior Council
2. To assist in coordinating and implementation of all Junior Council activities
3. To provide leadership and direction at the school
4. To carry out assignments as directed by the local Junior Council

Requirements to serve on the Junior Council:

1. Must be a full time student at Clearwater Secondary School
2. Must be 18 years of age or younger
3. Must be able to attend at least 75% of all Junior Council Meetings
4. Must fulfill the responsibilities of any office held
5. Must set a proper example for the youth in the community. A member of the Junior Council can be removed from office upon violation of one or

more of the above criteria and by a majority vote of the Junior Council with the final approval of the Junior Council President and the District Council

6. Tenure of office is one (1) year

Vacancies:

Any vacancy on the Junior Council, either by removal or by resignation, shall be filled by nomination of the Junior Council with final approval by the Mayor and Council for the District of Clearwater.

Elections:

Elections will be held in accordance with policies established by Clearwater Secondary School for the election of student council members. Those elected will form the Junior Council. The Junior Councilors shall be required to take the same "OATH OF OFFICE" that is administered for the District of Clearwater Council.

Adopted in

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