

POLICY OF BOHERBUE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL STUDENTS COUNCIL

Definition:

Boherbue Comprehensive School Students Council is a representative structure through which students can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students.

Rationale:

Section 27 of the Education Act provides that students of a post primary school may establish a Student Council and that Boards of Management shall encourage, facilitate and assist the establishment of same. Students have a valuable contribution to make to the effectiveness of Boherbue Comprehensive School and it provides preparation for citizenship and fosters mature behaviour. It also provides an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and school management to engage in structured partnership.

School Mission Statement:

Boherbue Comprehensive School, conscious of its position in the Community, endeavours to give the best education and service to its pupils and community, based on Christian values that will help all who come in contact with the School to reach their full potential.

Aims of Student Council:

1. To represent the students on matters of general concern to them.
2. To enhance communication between students, staff, management and parents.
3. To represent the student body at official functions.
4. To contribute to the development of school policy.
5. To nurture a range of important skills among students such as participating at meetings, negotiating responsible leadership and collaborative problem solving.

The Constitution of the Student council:

1. Each class will have one representative / class delegate on the student council and the RE teacher will preside over the election of students.
2. The election procedure is agreed in advance and election will be by secret ballot - each student has one vote.
3. Students are requested to nominate a student whom they think will best represent the class and to give a valid reason for nomination.
4. Each potential candidate has to want the position.
5. Officers will be chosen from Leaving Cert. class delegates.
6. There will be a staff member who will act as liaison on the Student Council.
7. Meeting to be held at regular intervals or when need arises.
8. The Board of Management shall at all times retain the right to dissolve the council or remove a council member.

Student Council Liaison Teacher:

The Student Council Liaison Teacher attends all meetings, is a non-voting member of the Student Council and provides assistance to the Council. The liaison teacher acts as a link between the Council, teachers and management.

This Policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Boherbue Comprehensive School on 6th October, 2008.

Student Council Officers:

Year: 200_/200_

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____

P.R.O. _____

Treasurer: _____

Student Council Staff Liaison: Mary
O'Keefe