

Recommended Revisions to St. Gregory CSAC Constitution

Section 2. (ii). Elections. P. 4

Current Wording:

All members of Council shall be elected or appointed, as the case may be, for a term of one (1) year.

Revised Wording:

All members of Council shall be elected or appointed, as the case may be, for a term or one (1) year. A person who holds an Executive Position may be elected or appointed to the same position for only two (2) consecutive years.

Background:

Diversity on council enables new thoughts, ideas and experiences to be shared. A two (2) year terms allows for the influx of new leadership. Two year terms are a consistent term for Executive Positions.

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Current Wording:

All members of Council shall be elected or appointed, as the case may be, for a term of one (1) year.

Revised Wording:

The officers of The Council may be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. However, Council may choose to have two Co-Chairs to replace the Chair position for ease of administration. The Executive Officers may only hold the same executive position for 2 consecutive terms.

(Note: Any and all reference to Chair in the By-Laws document would be update as follows: " Chair/Co-Chairs".)

Background:

In the past, some parents have been reluctant to take a new position as Chair due to the increased commitment or being relatively new to the school or council. The ability to have Co-Chairs, enables those who may wish to take the position share the role to ease the requirements of the role. This further allows those new to school or new to council to bring in new ideas and experiences in this leadership role. Also, if sharing the role with a Co-chair who held the position prior, the assistance and knowledge could be shared on the roles and obligation of the position, thus easing that transition.

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Current Wording:

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Revised Wording:

Nominations with **NOT** be accepted from the floor.

Background:

As with any elected position, nomination forms are completed prior to the election. There have been occurrences where council members have not attended a number of meetings and/or have not participated in various activities. The step in taking the initiative to complete a nomination form demonstrates further commitment in the obligation of standing as a council member, representing the parent community. Any person who has missed the nomination form process is not excluded from participating in CSAC meetings, providing perspectives or assisting in CSAC initiatives. There have been significant contributors to CSAC of parents who are not CSAC members. Completion of the nomination form helps to solidify the candidate's commitment to Council for the year.