

## Middle School Student Council

Advisor: Mrs. Gilbert

### What is Middle School Student Council?

Berlin Middle School Student Council sponsors a wide variety of extracurricular, social, and leadership development activities throughout the school year, providing for a complete and enjoyable middle school experience. In previous years some of the activities we put on our school dances, food drives, recycling, pep rallies, The Berlin 5K and Family Fun Day, and many different types of fundraisers to help out the community.

This year the focus for the MSSC will be working with the High School Student Council on creating opportunities for student's voices to be heard and events for students to get involved in our school and community. We will have monthly check-ins with the student council students to see what they are hearing as far as concerns, positives, etc. from the student body. We will plan quarterly activities that will be centered around this.

The Berlin School Student Council serves the school's students, staff, and community. Student representatives from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are required to attend all of the meetings and event dates. Members (students not elected into a position) from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend the meetings and assist at the events.

### Why Join?

- ❖ You can help make Berlin a better place. As a group we can come together to provide more opportunities to show how great our school is, and host fun events for students!
- ❖ Working in a group like Student Council will provide you with great life and people skills very crucial to success in any path you take after high school!
- ❖ Student government looks really good on college applications! For those of you who are looking to the future, and looking to spice up that resume, this is the perfect opportunity and club for you! Colleges really like to see students engaged in the community!

### What do I have to do?

\*Attend the monthly meetings either during your lunch time or after school.

- We meet after school the second Thursday of each month from 3-4pm.
- We will have a monthly lunch together for students who have activities right after school. This will also be the second Thursday of each month. Period 5 for grade 6 and period 6 for grades 7 and 8.

\*Help organize and plan a variety of events such as dances, quarterly activities, spirit weeks, pep rallies, field trips, and more!

\*To attend any student council trips you must attend and participate in at least 80% of the meetings and activities that we host.

Current positions for each grade level are:

President - Student Works directly with advisors Promotes School spirit and fundraising for the student body

Vice President - Student Assists President and works on Public Relations Presides over Student Council Meetings if the President is absent.

Secretary - Keeps the minutes of meetings

Treasurer - Student Works with School Secretary to maintain school records of funds.

Public Relations -2 positions – Compile and post-school pictures on our Student Council Website and write-ups of events for local newspapers.

General Member - Works with the student council in a variety of ways but is not in an elected position.

\*If you want to run for an elected position, you will need to complete a petition form and hand it in to Mrs. Gilbert by September 21. Voting will take place September 23.