ELECTION CONVENTION
A SCHOOLWIDE CIVIC LEARNING EXPERIENCE
CABINET POSITIONS ELECTED AT CONVENTION

• President
• Vice President
• Speaker of the House
• Commissioner of Social Activities
• Commissioner of Pep and Athletics
We have three types of elections at our school,

- **Class Officer Elections** – fill out application, name ends up on a ballot and there is voting. No speeches, campaigning is ok, but not necessary.

- **ASB/Student Government Commissions** – fill out application, 5 different panel interviews and then a one on one interview with Activities Director. No speeches, no campaigning necessary.

- **Election Convention** – Primary speeches to all voters, lots of campaigning, campaign managers, caucusing and Q&A session at the Election Convention.
WEEK AT A GLANCE

• Tuesday – Primary Day – Speeches during English Classes

• Wednesday – Voting – English Classes come to our multipurpose room

• Friday – Election Convention all day
APPLICATION PROCESS

On application:

• General Information about Candidate
• Essay about leadership experience and ideas to improve ASB
• Letter of recommendation from a teacher
• 50 signatures from students in support of their candidacy (no seniors)
• Transcript (must have at least a 2.5 G.P.A.)
• Attendance Record
ELECTION CONVENTION PERSONNEL - SENIORS

- **Parliamentarian**
  - Be familiar with all Convention rules & process
  - Make rulings as necessary in areas of conflict
  - Notify Recorders of any absences from the delegation once the Convention has begun
  - Relay any delegate problems or emergencies to Security Heads or Mrs. Lowensen

- **Panel**
  - Determine validity of question asked to candidates during question and answer periods

- **Recorders**
  - Conduct roll call via microphone and record attendance
  - Record vote in written form on tabulation sheet
  - Use calculator to tally vote and verify votes, if necessary, on computer
DELEGATES

• All 4\textsuperscript{th} period classes are allotted 3 to 5 delegates depending on class size
• Class votes on delegates
• Pick a state
• Must dress to represent state
• Must have trivia/information about state
• If the first round of voting is not a 70% win, the voting goes to them
ELECTION CONVENTION PERSONNEL - SENIORS

• **Secretaries**
  • Take notes of proceeding (nominations, vote counts, election results, major events)
  • Following convention:
    • Combine notes into summary of Convention proceeding
    • Submit Convention summary to Mrs. Lowensen, ASB, Talon, Yearbook, and Media

• **Security**
  • Only allow those with preapproved ribbons onto convention floor
  • Watch list of guests coming in and do not allow anyone else in
  • Guard the VIP/Keynote Speaker at all times
  • Be on the lookout for “ninjas”

• **Ninjas**
  • Plant questions, attempt to wreak havoc
PRIMARY DAY

- All 9th, 10th and 11th grade English classes come.
- All students receive an Elections Pamphlet with candidates and qualifications.
- Candidates give speeches – 3 minutes limit.
- Candidate videos – 2 minute limit.
VOTING DAY

• Have a roster of each English class to highlight names
• Must have their student ID
• Get voting stands from Monterey County Elections Office
• “I Voted” stickers
• One team, with a campus security guard, working the polling place and one team, with Activities Director, counting ballots immediately
ELECTION CONVENTION DAY

- Delegate Check-In
- Flag Salute and National Anthem
- Roll Call
- Explanation of Day’s Agenda and Go Over Rules and Procedures

- For each cabinet position:
  - Campaign Manager Nominates
  - Second From the Floor
  - Results of First Ballot (school vote)
  - If not 70% of vote then:
    - Q&A Session
    - Caucus Time
    - Second Vote
ELECTION CONVENTION DAY CONTINUED

• Extras:
  • Keynote Speaker (local politician)
  • Ninja antics
  • Competitions and Games
    • Best Dressed State
    • Lip Sync-Off Between Candidates and Delegates
  • BALLOON DROP!!!!
Primaries
Voting
Setting Up the Convention
Convention Day
Personnel

PANEL

PARLIAMENTARIAN

SECRETARY

RECORDER
Keynote Speaker
The Results
Balloon Drop!

And that’s wrap on Election Convention 2018
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