

Foothills Falcons Stand for the Silent Constitution

ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose

SECTION A- ORGANIZATION NAME

The name of this organization shall be Foothills Falcons Stand for the Silent.

SECTION B: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to stand united against bullying which can have many negative effects to our Foothills students and culture. We will encourage school wide support for each other and help develop a positive, compassionate, and cooperative environment. We will commit to educate our younger students to help put an end to bullying at Foothills. We will commit to sharing the story of Mr. Kirk Smalley to other schools in PUSD so they too can develop a positive stance against school bullying.

ARTICLE II – Membership

SECTION A: MEMBERSHIP-

1. **School Members-** Every student who signs a class pledge card is a member of Foothills Falcons Stand for the Silent organization.
2. **Class Representatives-** Each homeroom in 5th -8th grade will have two school members that are representatives of that homeroom. Class representatives will be selected by their homeroom classmates.

SECTION B: ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP-

All students who sign a classroom pledge card has the ability to become a part of the chapter leadership group.

1. **Chapter Leaders-** Chapter leaders are students who self-nominate themselves to the group through a written proposal that states why they want to become part of the chapter leadership group.
 - a. **Grade Levels-** Chapter leaders will be in the 5th -8th grade.
 - b. **Membership time line-** 6th and 7th grade students who desire to become chapter leaders will be inducted into the leadership group each March of the school year. 5th graders will be inducted into the organization in December of the current school year. Membership in the leadership group lasts one full year (March through March for 6th-8th and December through the following March for 5th graders).
 - c. **Expectations-** Chapter leaders must always be an example of the purpose of the Foothills Falcons Stand for the Silent. They must have a positive attitude and be non-judgmental. These students are quick to correct their own

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mistakes and help others who struggle with theirs. Chapter Leaders will attend most regular meetings and will contribute to the ideas that are requested to make the organization better. Chapter Leaders will participate in organization activities and represent Foothills Falcons Stand for the Silent in the most respectful ways. Chapter leaders must follow all school rules.

2. **Governing Council**- The Governing Council is a group of students who are enlisted in the chapter leadership and are nominated and voted into an executive position by majority vote. These executive positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian/Social media
 - a. **President**- Works with the advisors, presides over meetings of the organization; presides over meetings for the Governing Council, Remains fair and impartial to decisions of the group, provides encouragement and motivation to fellow officers, and is the spokesperson for the organization.
 - b. **Vice President**- Works with advisors, runs organizational elections, coordinates committee work, directs constitutional changes, and takes the role of the President when absent.
 - c. **Secretary**- Works with advisors, takes meeting notes, takes attendance at meetings and functions, prepares any paper work needed for the organization, and creates the agenda for each meeting.
 - d. **Treasurer**- Works with advisors in all financial matters of the organization keeps the financial record of the group, works with PTSO/school administration in fundraising events.
 - e. **Historian/Social Media**- Works with advisors of the group, develops the annual report of the organization, takes and coordinates photo and videos of organizational events, provides social media update.

3. **Committees**- The Governing Council Vice President and/or school sponsor may appoint a chapter leader to head a committee that can include other chapter leadership members, class representatives or school members. Standing committees will include:
 - a. **Publicity**- responsible for the promotion of the organization
 - b. **Educational Programs**- responsible for development of Foothills Falcons Stand for the Silent K-4 and 5-8 educational anti bully programming.
 - c. **Projects**- responsible to initiate new annual project(s), oversee, and monitor their success.

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SECTION C: SCHOOL SPONSORS

Foothills Falcons Stand for the Silent will have a minimum of three adults that oversee the operations of the organization. If the Leadership Group cannot make decisions, the school sponsors may intervene to work with students directly to make the decision making process more effective. School sponsors are in charge of fundraisers. At least one (1) school sponsor must be present at all student meetings.

ARTICLE III – Rules and Regulation

SECTION A: MEETING PROCEDURES

This organization shall follow the revised edition of Roberts Rules of Order in running its meetings.

SECTION B: ART AND LOGO

1. The Stand for the Silent logo is a trademark symbol and should not be used unless permitted by the Governing Council.
2. All art and logos will be developed by Foothills school members.

SECTION C: MEETING REQUIREMENTS.

Members of the Governing Council and the Organizational Leadership:

1. Will attend as many meetings as possible.
2. Follow meeting norms and procedures (be on time; put away all cell phones; contribute to the ideas and needs of the organization; be open, neutral and courteous to the ideas of others).
3. Meetings will be announced at a minimum of 1 week in advance.
4. An agenda will be drawn up before the next meeting and all representative will be given a copy to review in order to be ready for the meeting.

SECTION D: REMOVAL FROM LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

1. The following may be reasons for removal from the Governing Council and/or the Chapter Leadership.
 - a. Weak attendance
 - b. Unproductive sessions at meetings
 - c. Continual disregard for meeting norms
 - d. Not meeting general Chapter Leadership expectations.
2. Removal of Chapter Leadership and Governing Council members will be handled solely by the adult sponsors and the principal of the school.

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SECTION E: LEADERSHIP POINTS

Each activity the organization participates will be given a point value. The organization will award leadership points for the members who participate in those events.

ARTICLE IV- Finances

SECTION A: FUNDRAISERS

All fundraisers must be approved by the sponsor and the school principal before it is sent to the Governing Council for action.

SECTION B: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

All finances will follow the rules and regulations of the Peoria Unified School District Governing Board.

SECTION C: ANNUAL AUDIT

The sponsors in conjunction with the Treasurer shall conduct an annual audit in April of each year and report it back to the Board of Directors. Subsequently, the audit will be added to the annual report developed by the Historian.

ARTICLE VI – Amendments

SECTION A: ENACTING AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution may be amended at any time by the Chapter Leadership with a motion of three-fourths vote of the Chapter Leadership.
2. Amendments shall take effect following the vote.