

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

2017-2018 CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME OF THE CLUB

- 1.1 The name of the club will be The Philosophy Club of Mark Keppel High School referred to as The Philosophy Club.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To expose students of Mark Keppel High School to elementary subjects pertaining to philosophy.
- 2.2 To foster an open and academic environment for interested students.
- 2.3 To provide access to appropriate books relating to philosophy.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership in the Philosophy Club is open to any currently enrolled student of Mark Keppel High School as well as any faculty, staff, or administrator without regard to age, sex, race, color, religious belief, national origin, or handicap.

MKHS Active Member Policy:

- 50% of all club meetings must be attended
- Club Members must participate in 1 school activity each semester
(1 activity per club)
- All Clubs MUST meet at least once a quarter and the minutes of those meetings must be submitted to ASB within two weeks.

ARTICLE 4: LEADERSHIP

- 4.1 The officers of The Philosophy Club will include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Representative to the All Clubs meetings. Each will be nominated and Elected by majority vote of attending members to a specified club meeting. For this purpose, each officer will remain in office for one-year contingent upon continued registration as a student at Mark Keppel High School, maintenance of a 2.0 GPA, and attendance to 75% of required meetings.
- 4.2 An officer may be removed from office if a Club member expresses concern over his or her ability or judgement at a meeting. The officer in question must be notified 10 days prior to the meeting in which he or she may provide an explanation, followed by a general discussion, and a vote by the membership in attendance. A 66% majority vote is required for removal from office. In case of removal of the President, the Vice President will become Acting President until elections are held. In case of removal of another officer, the President will appoint a temporary officer. Elections must be held within six weeks of removal from office.
- 4.3 Duties of Required Officers:
 - President:* Preside over all meetings, appoint all committee chairpersons, present all motions to the membership, create discussion questions for each meeting, and

designate a book to be the subject of study/analysis for that month.

Vice President: Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence, advise committee chairpersons, and assist President.

Secretary: Publicize club, take roll of all members for each meeting, take and prepare minutes for distribution, and communicate with ASB/serve as a representative for Philosophy club during the All Club meetings.

Treasurer: Keep account of financial transactions, obtain books assigned for each month, and collect club funds.

ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS

- 5.1 Any member of the executive council may call a special meeting. Meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of each month during lunch when school is in session unless otherwise specified 24 hours in advance. Elections will take place on the first Wednesday of each school year unless otherwise specified 24 hours in advance.
- 5.2 Each club meeting will follow one of two general outlines: NORMAL or ELECTION.
NORMAL schedule is divided into 3 parts: (1) Roll-call, which initiates each meeting by recording the attendance of members and collecting donations; (2) Discussion, in which the club will be asked a number of discussion questions; and (3) Final announcements, where any important reminders/announcements by the council are to be made and the book for the month passed out.
ELECTION schedule is divided into 4 parts: (1) Roll-call, which initiates each meeting by recording the attendance of members; (2) Speeches, where each candidate will present a 5 minute persuasive speech on why he/she should be elected; (3) Vote, where all members will mark on a ballot sheet who they will elect; and (4) Final announcements, where any important reminders or announcements by the council are to be made.

ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES

- 6.1 Standing Committees include: Recruitment Committee: Plans campus-wide activity recruitment programs and assists individual clubs or organizations in recruitment efforts.
- 6.2 Program Committee: Reviews feasibility of club events and activities. Prepares lists of tasks to be done and coordinates (or assigns responsibility) for event management.
- 6.3 Publicity Committee: Plans and coordinates promotional efforts for club events and activities. Designs and distributes posters, flyers, writes articles, etc.
- 6.4 Special committees will be formed for specific purposes and will be dissolved once the purpose has been met.

ARTICLE 7: DUES

- 7.1 To buy the book for the month, students have the option of providing the treasurer with money who will then use the collected money to provide books for students who have paid. Students may also obtain the book on their own accord.

ARTICLE 8: FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR

- 8.1 The advisor to The Philosophy Club shall be any interested staff or faculty member of Mark Keppel High School, he/she shall serve a one year term, which is renewable

each fall semester.

ARTICLE 9: RULES OF ORDER

- 9.1 Members of the philosophy club shall keep discussion civilized. Only one member may speak at a time, with council executives coming in priority.
- 9.2 All members of The Philosophy Club must provide common courtesy to any other person during meetings.

ARTICLE 10: STATEMENT OF CONFORMITY

- 10.1 The Philosophy club shall abide by the rules and regulations of the school and its official agencies.

ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENTS

- 11.1 Amendments to this constitution will require a 66% majority vote with at least 40% of the active members present. Amendments will become official when approved by Student Senate.

ARTICLE 12: STATEMENT OF ORIGINAL APPROVAL

- 12.1 This constitution will become official only after approval, which is duly noted in the official records of ASB.