

# **S.T.R.E.N.G.T.H.**

Striving To Rebuild Educational Networks by Giving Them Hope

**Constitution**  
**August 3, 2005**

## **Article I.** **Name and Objectives**

### Section 1.

This organization shall be known as S.T.R.E.N.G.T.H. (Striving To Rebuild Educational Networks by Giving Them Hope)

### Section 2.

Our mission is to instill and rebuild S.T.R.E.N.G.T.H. within our community with hopes to develop strong minded and strong willed students by preparing them for their academic careers after high school.

### Section 3.

The objectives of S.T.R.E.N.G.T.H. shall be to:

- a. Promote educational excellence
- b. Provide extracurricular activities
- c. Provide guidance with daily struggles
- d. Display role model qualities
- e. Train students in the duties and responsibilities of leadership roles
- f. Develop camaraderie within our community
- g. Develop career goals after high school graduation
- h. Promote a sense of motivation for achievement
- i. Provide hope for a brighter future

## **Article II.** **Membership**

### Section 1.

Membership shall be open to all regularly enrolled students who are interested in helping young students of our community who need assistance and will benefit and thrive with community support. Members shall be dedicated to providing a positive influence in the lives of youth in our community. Membership selection is based upon proper registration within the Wake County School System Volunteer program.

### **Article III. Officers**

#### Section 1.

The officers shall be elected by the club members to serve a term of one year. The elected officers shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Committee Chairs

#### Section 2.

To be nominated for President one must have previously held an executive position within S.T.R.E.N.G.T.H. To be nominated for Vice President one must have been an active member for at least two consecutive academic semesters.

### **Article IV Duties of Officers**

#### Section 1.

The duties of the President shall be as follows:

- a. Facilitate and serve as chairperson of all general meetings;
- b. Make all final rulings on questions, and proposals;
- c. Include the Vice-President in both budget and agenda planning;
- d. Compose agendas for executive and general body meetings;
- e. Help to develop programs and policies that will address student concerns;
- f. Work closely with and be the primary contact person with faculty, and administration;
- g. Represent the organization as a whole in a positive light ;
- h. Provide guidance to executive and general body members
- i. Any other duties assigned by advisor.

#### Section 2.

The duties of the Vice President shall be as follows:

- a. Assist the president in duties concerning the organization;
- b. Be prepared to assume the duties of the President at any time or in his/her absence;
- c. Appoint committee chairpersons with the supervision of the President;

- d. Coordinate all committees with the supervision of the President;
- e. Any other duties assigned by advisor.

### Section 3.

The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

- a. Keep an up-to-date record of the exact wording of the motions currently before the group in session;
- b. Take the minutes of the executive committee meetings;
- c. Prepare the final copy of the agenda for meetings and distribute the agenda;
- d. Send correspondence to members;
- e. Take attendance;
- f. Read the minutes of the previous meeting;
- g. Record the minutes;
- h. Distribute the minutes;
- i. Keep a permanent record of minutes;
- j. Any other duties assigned by the advisor.

### Section 4.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- a. Keep an accurate record of all financial transactions;
- b. Understand the policies that the school has in regard to the use of student finances and explain them at the first general meeting;
- c. Work with the Advisor, President, Vice-President, and appropriate committee chairpersons in the formulation of annual and individual activity budgets;
- d. Make a recommendation as to whether the cost of a proposed project can be justified;
- e. Interpret the financial situation of the organization;
- f. Make financial reports at the meetings;
- g. Any other duties assigned by the advisor.

## **Article IV**

### **Dues**

#### Section 1.

Dues for the organization members and executive board shall be \$5.00 per semester.

**Article V**  
**Amending the Constitution and the By-Laws**

Section 1.

Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.

**Article VI**  
**Meetings**

Section 1.

S.T.R.E.N.G.T.H. shall meet biweekly every month. The executive board shall meet weekly. Additional meetings for individual committees shall be schedule at the discretion of the committee chairs.

Section 2.

The members of the organization shall try to tutor 2-3 days per week, but are required to tutor at least 1 time per week. Special programs shall be scheduled in place of tutoring at the discretion of the members of S.T.R.E.N.G.T.H.

**Article VII**  
**Committee By-Laws and Descriptions**

Section 1.

The committee by-laws shall be as follows:

- a. Committees shall be set up at the first general meeting.
- b. The minimum and maximum number of members of each standing committee shall be determined by the Executive Board.
- c. The Executive Board shall decide which committees are needed.
- d. The President and Vice-President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2.

The committees of S.T.R.E.N.G.T.H. shall be as follows:

- a. **Fundraising Committee:**
  - Coordinate fundraising activities
  - Contact business sponsors

- Keep an open line of communication with treasurer
- Any other duties assigned by the Executive Board

**b. Social Committee:**

- Coordinate all enrichment activities for mentees
- Communicate with the community guest speakers
- Any other duties assigned by the Executive Board

**c. Academic Supervision Committee:**

- maintain orderly conduct and efficient tutoring sessions
- take daily session attendance
- monitor student to tutor ratio
- make sure that all needed academic subjects are assisted
- Any other duties assigned by the Executive Board