

Questions

1 - Who plans Homecoming activities for your school?

2 - If Homecoming responsibilities are shared; what are the pros and cons to the system in place?

3 - Is Homecoming used as a fundraiser? If so, how are funds distributed?

Answers

Hinsdale South

We have a Homecoming Committee, complete with two sponsors - they plan the week's in school events. I also assist with the Assembly and the coordination of the week's evening activities.

Pro's - the workload is distributed.

Con's - Communication Issues - but nothing major

The Homecoming Dance profits are then applied to the next year's dance...the \$\$ remain with the Homecoming Committee and Sponsor....in a school account..

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Lemont High School

We use a committee of sponsors and class officers along with 2-3 coaches.

We raise money for local charities through class competitions.

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Student Council coordinates homecoming at Woodstock.

Classes are awarded prizes

Freshmen are provided with equipment for float building

The dance is a major fundraiser

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John Hersey High School

All done by Student Council.

All money from the dance goes to Student Council. This money is used to run different activities throughout the year. (Christmas Party, t-shirts for groups, Teacher Appreciation, etc.)

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Staff and student committee - and myself

No cons - works great!

Yes. Save a chunk for overhead/next year and rest (large chunk!) funds leadership trainings throughout the year. (SA Officers and Club reps, Snowball scholarships, ACE-Captains training, ITI, DARE, special student leadership teams for incoming freshmen, and special requests...)

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Homecoming is planned by Student Council.

Responsibilities are not shared.

Homecoming fundraising is used to cover the cost of the homecoming dance. Any funds remaining are used to help cover the cost of our winter banquet.

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Geneva

The Student Council and the class officers from each class.

The class officers are in charge of floats and student council does the rest.

Homecoming raises quite a bit of funds for the student council. We use the funds to get through all the rest of the year's activities and many times have left over to give to a local charity.

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Student Council (In spring we start with a committee of parents, students and staff to start planning then break up into subcommittees for each activity when additional volunteers come on board).

N/A

It is used to raise funds for Student Council. We will have one of the event's profits used for charity.

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Neuqua Valley

Shared planning, AP, Two Stu Co faculty sponsors and three student leaders (Special Events Committee)

It's worked well. Always refining who does what (the details) so everything gets done.

Money raised pays costs of Homecoming week activities (including the dance) and is used by Stu Co for other events; for example, to defray costs of their end-of-the-year banquet.

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Lyons Township High School

The Student Council plans 100% of Homecoming.

We raise roughly \$10-15,000 after expenses from our Homecoming Dance. The money is used throughout the year for other activities/events sponsored by Student Council.

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Student Council is in charge of all of Homecoming (decorations, theme, activities, parade, etc.) except for the dance. Senior class sponsors the dance. All the classes sell homecoming shirts. The dance is the major fundraiser for the senior class. Each individual class (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior) sell homecoming shirts and keep the profits.

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Queen of Peace High School

The student council

N/A

Yes, the funds are deposited in the student council account, which are then able to be petitioned by many clubs and other organizations in the school.

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Homecoming at PSHS is overseen by the Student Council Sponsors and the Assistant Principals. Each activity is sponsored by a club/organization at PSHS and any cost or profit is dealt with by that club/organization.

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Student council organizes the whole week. There are some games that NHS will organize during the pep assembly.

Funds go to student council.

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Homecoming is planned by all of the Student Senate; Student Council and Class Boards. The Student Activities Director is directly responsible for the event and works with the Student Senate to determine the date as well as various activities.

Everything is laid out and pretty straight forward so there really are not many problems with the events of Homecoming. The class boards make the floats for the parade, the class boards decorate the hallways and windows, the Student Council runs the Homecoming elections as well as the Homecoming Dance, the football team plays the football game, etc, etc, etc, It is not a fundraiser. The dance may end up generating revenue but it is not meant to be that way; it is just well attended and the ticket price is only \$25 which includes buffet dinner, unlimited pop, ice cream sundae bar, DJ with video screens, decorations, and the actual printing of the tickets themselves. Student Council organizes and runs the dance.

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Prospect High School
At Prospect High School the student council plans homecoming. The class boards each take one day to plan the dress up day and the lunchtime activity. The dance is planned by Varsity Club. The dance is a fundraiser for Varsity Club.

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Homecoming responsibilities are shared. The Activities Director plans everything except the Homecoming Dance. The pros are that the Activities Director doesn't have to be involved in the dance planning and execution. The cons are that the Activities Director must do EVERYTHING else. As far as the fundraiser aspect. Powderpuff Football is the major fundraising activity during homecoming for the Activities Director. Mr. Handsome is the fundraiser for the Pom squad and the Dance for Student Council. Hall Decs, Movies, Car Shows, Pep Assembly, coronation, and anything else is done with those funds.

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It is combined through the AP of Activities, Student Council, all four Class Councils, and our Pep Club. It certainly evens the work load, but there is always a communication issue. At times, something gets missed because people are working on different aspects of the homecoming week.

The Dance is and it is run through Student Council. They use the funds to run their other community service and school service events throughout the year. The philosophy is the extra pays for special events for our school community.

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Student Council Co-Sponsors with oversight from the Assistant Principal's Office. Although every club is expected to participate in the activities –window painting, parade, etc.
Works well.

The dance generates a lot of money for student council.

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The Student Activities Director and Student Council Advisor

Pro's - Student Council Advisor has direct contact with the students this helps ensure ideas for Homecoming are from the grassroots, the students. The Student Activities Director oversees the big picture; coordinates with Athletic Director, Alumni, Parents, etc.

Con's - Communication is a must.

Homecoming is not a fundraiser. Between the cost of the dance, floats and fireworks, we end up in the hole.

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St. Laurence High School

Our Student Council officers and students plan our entire Homecoming week. Meetings begin in the early summer. It is a lot of work for one group and one moderator but quite rewarding when a great time is had by all.

All money collected during Homecoming Week, including the dance proceeds, goes into the Student Council fund which is their only fund raiser for the entire year.

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Oswego High School

Student Council plans most if not all of the Homecoming week activities: Spirit days Monday-Friday, Mr. Oswego contest on Monday night, Parade on Wednesday 5:00ish, Pep Assembly on Friday at the end of the school day, & Dance on Saturday night... After the parade on Wednesday, we have juniors vs. seniors Powder Puff Football (females only)...The game is organized by the Sports Boosters and the Student Activities Director; the refs are building administrators... The pep rally on Friday is organized by Student Council; the Student Activities Director is the "MC"...

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1 - Our Student Council plans the following; dance, movie on the lawn kick-off, parade, court elections, coronation assembly and LOTS of other details of the event planning.
Admin & Staff Committee - HC Assembly and Alumni needs

2 - Pro - Divide & Conquer...Our Student Council has time allotted for planning during the day so that has greatly assisted in smoothing out our event planning needs. More students have a chance to actually plan or prep for the event. Also, better communication between students, advisors and admin.

3 - HC profits are used for all school events, charity donations on behalf of the school, banquets, scholarships and additional financial needs that arise.

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