

JAYCE McKELVEY FRESHMAN VICE PRESIDENT

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- Secretary of TRMS Beta Club, Member of TRMS Student Leadership Team, Speaker of the House for the TRMS Stem Team Mock General Assembly and Speaking at the TRMS Veteran's Day Breakfast.

Why do you want to be a member of Student Council? Why are you running for the position that you are running for this year?

- I am running for to be a member of Student Council to serve our student body. For me, serving others makes me feel good. I know that I am helping to make a difference in my community. It also gives me the opportunity to give back since I've been so blessed within my life.

From your perspective, what is the role of the Student Council at GSMST and in our community at large?

- The role of Student Council is to give our time, whether it is convenient or not, so that we can make other's lives better in and outside of school.

List up to three qualities would you use to describe an effective leader. What leadership skill(s) is your strength? How will you use that skill(s) to benefit Student Council and GSMST?

- Open-mindedness, effective communication skills and selflessness are all qualities I would use to describe an effective leader. Keeping an open mind and being able to communicate effectively will allow me to understand that other people can have better ideas and being willing to listen to them which will be able to benefit our school and student body in the greatest way.

What would you most like to improve about your own leadership skills to become a better leader?

- Personally, effective communication is a leadership skill that I feel I need to work on. In the past, I had a tendency to let people walk over me and be passive. In the past year, I have definitely spoken up for myself more, but I still need to learn to be more assertive in order to be the best leader I can be.

Describe an activity for a new event that Student Council could host.

- Holding an event on Earth Day to clean up the GSMST/Maxwell campus and surrounding areas in Lawrenceville. Possibly raise money for environmental organizations such as the WWF, MSC, PATT and FFI.

How can Student Council improve its communication with the student body?

- While social media platforms are convenient for those who have social media, some students don't have social media which makes it harder for those students to communicate. To remediate this, Student Council could possibly create a Google Form for students to communicate directly or a weekly newsletter sent to students via Gmail to inform them of current Student Council activities.

What do you think is the single greatest challenge facing our GSMST community and how can Student Council help to resolve this challenge?

- As a freshman, I don't feel as if I can determine the whole school's largest problem with only a few weeks in attendance under my belt. As for the freshman class, I feel like a lot of us struggle with academic perfection. While it is perfectly normal to want to do your best, a lot of us push expectations onto ourselves that our parents don't even hold us to. This can often lead to feeling inadequate. Alongside the mentorship program, Student Council could possibly have daily social media posts reminding students its okay to make mistakes and that none of us are perfect.