Weighing My Choices

Read the scenario and decide what the best plan of action is. Weigh the positive and negative consequences of your choice. Explain why you chose to act the way you did. On the back, share a story about a time you were left weighing your options over making the best choice in a hard situation.

Scenario: You are the current student council president. Your grade is voting for two students who each want to take over for you next year. A folder is passed around, everyone hands in a vote on a slip of paper, and you count them up. Looks like Student A wins by just one vote! When you announce the winner, Student B is upset, but the friends shake hands, and the class cheers. A week later, as you clean out your desk, you notice two slips of paper stuck deep in your folder— they’re both lost votes for Student B. Uh oh! It looks like Student B won after all! At a big assembly, it’s already been announced that Student A won and they have started preparing for the job. Student B really did want the job, and it seems like they are the true winner. What do you do? What happens if you don’t? Describe your decision and explain.

Positive Consequences:
What good can happen from your choice?

Negative Consequences:
What bad can happen from your choice?

My decision:

Why I chose it:
Sometimes there are no clear or easy answers in a tricky situation, and other times following the rules may not seem like the clear best choice. Has this ever happened to you? Reflect on a time where you had to make a careful decision that you felt was best for everyone, even if it meant weighing positive and negative consequence or possibly challenged a rule. What did you learn? Do you think you made the right choice?