The student council election results are in.

Matt told me the bad news.

How are you doing?

I'm really disappointed.

I'm sorry you lost.

But I'm also very proud of you.

Really?

Of course.

You had some great ideas for your school, and you worked hard to get elected.

You can feel good about that.

The next morning . . .

You're right, Mom. I did my best.

Now I'll share my ideas with the new council.

And next year I'll start earlier, meet more students . . .

Will I be calling her "President Mandy" someday?

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