

GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
School Council Meeting  
Main Office Conference Room  
5:15 – 6:15 p.m.  
Dec. 10, 2019

Minutes

**In Attendance:**                   **Karin Patenaude, Principal**  
   **Nancy Hazard, Community Member**  
   **Gabe Larouche, Senior Class Representative**  
   **Jordyn Tully, Sophomore Class Representative**  
   **Aquinnah Mass, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class Representative**  
   **Siobhan Fitzgerald, Faculty Member/4SC Parent Engagement Coord.**  
   **Grady Vigneux, Community Member**  
   **Erica Burns, Parent**

**Absent:**                               **Rachel Stoler, Parent/Community Member**  
   **Miracle Leyro, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Class Representative**  
   **Bob Provost, Parent**  
   **Francesca Passiglia, Parent/Community Member**

1. Community Service
  - a. 12/20 – ½ day – events are coming along nicely. There are numerous new activities for students to participate in and all are excited for this day.
  - b. Opportunities – card making w/ Seniors, sewing reusable bags for when the plastic bag ban takes effect Jan. 1, Start with Hello initiatives, Adopt a Family, and many more
  - c. Other
  
2. Planning – Next Event Night w/ Ms. Patenaude
  - a. Shoot Hoops at the Y was not successful. Many students came, but no parent/guardian involvement!
  - b. Next event: When? – March possibly
  - c. Where? – Community Center at one of housing units or Family Resource Center; Board game night at the Greenfield Games 6-11p.m.; Hope and Olive – soup/game night?
  - d. If at Housing Units – a community meal? To add to the event?
  - e. Siobhan – will look into who is running the Community Centers at each and try to get a schedule of events happening to try and piggy back on one of those events; connect with Kia Burton re: any upcoming events at the Family Resource Center to see if any are planned out that far in advance.
  - f. Nancy Hazard – Music of Franka(?) – to research this and see the connection to Housing Authority

- g. Advertisement - put in a possible survey or questionnaire in the next Principal's newsletter about what parents/guardians would like
- h. Press Release – Rachel Stoler for when event is determined
- i. Other – open to other options

### 3. Winter Music Concert

- a. Tabling –6- 7 p.m. Who is interested:
  - i. CTC
  - ii. 4SC
  - iii. Youth for Change
  - iv. YMCA
  - v. Blueprint for Success
  - vi. Guidance/Scholarships/Scheduling 2020-21
  - vii. Greenfield Public Library
  - viii. Book to Movie Club/Library Club – Ms. Pollock
  - ix. Greening Greenfield – plastic bag ban – reusable bags?
  - x. ELPAC and SEPAC? – ask Matt Holloway
- b. Thurs. Jan. 16 – 7 p.m.- ?
- c. Giveaways at the tables

### 4. Yondr Pouches

- a. Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHNIVC8NRuI>
- b. Article - <https://www.npr.org/2018/01/11/577101803/a-schools-way-to-fight-phones-in-class-lock-em-up>
- c. Discussion
  - i. Senior Class donation as the Class Gift
  - ii. Time – will there be too much time lost on learning in the “unlocking” of the phones? Or will it just become a habit once students are used to this?
  - iii. Would be a drastic change for students and would need support and patience.
  - iv. Parent/Guardian response – students should be learning in classes? If there is an emergency – could call school?
  - v. Once it becomes a habit – it will be acceptable norm
  - vi. Good way to train kids for adulthood / employment / college classes
- d. Gabe Larouche – will reach out to the Athol student who was successful in creating the initiative – Colby Soltysik
- e. Donors Choose or GEF Funded possibly?
- f. Only class time – students could still use during passing time or lunches.
- g. Proposal to Supt. and SC – would have to include the research showing that phones are a distraction to student learning and the benefits to this proposal.

- h. Testimonials – GCC President and staff, Athol teachers/guidance counselors, parent/guardian testimonials from any school using them, etc.

5. Other Business

- a. Cooler Communities – Nancy Hazard
  - i. Energy Save Organization – created opportunity for K-12 school and are looking for a Franklin County School to partner with them.
  - ii. Organization will fund for this – Nancy Hazard reached out to Andy Bowersox already. K. Patenaude will forward to other science teachers as well.
  - iii. Nancy Hazard will forward K. Patenaude the link to share with all staff
- b. Student Rep Email Address Update – would prefer direct emails on School Council to their emails.
  - i. [Gablar120@gpsk12.org](mailto:Gablar120@gpsk12.org)
  - ii. [Aqumas124@gpsk12.org](mailto:Aqumas124@gpsk12.org)
  - iii. [SopTul122@gpsk12.org](mailto:SopTul122@gpsk12.org)
  - iv. [MirLey121@gpsk12.org](mailto:MirLey121@gpsk12.org)
- c. Minding Your Mind – presentation of 4SC and Baystate Franklin – February presentation and Siobhan will bring info next meeting. Parent/Guardian outreach, but all are welcome from the community.
- d. Y Leaders Club – call YMCA and connect with Kara Younger – teen and pre-teen youth; meet every other Wednesday. Still looking for more teen representatives and involvement.