

**GHS
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes
June 11th, 2014**

Meeting called to order by co-chair at 7:05 PM

1. Motion to call the meeting to order made by Bridget Kinnie
2. Motion seconded by Denise Tedeschi

Minutes Review

1. Motion to accept the minutes as written made by Mrs. Anthony
2. Motion seconded by Frank Torchia

Board of Education Update (Melissa Blondet)

May 12th Meeting:

- Our Athletic Director and Director of Campus Activities, Glenn LaBossiere, has been selected as the new Assistant Principal of the Middle School. With this appointment, Laurie LaBossiere, his wife, will return to the Elementary School. (Effective July 1st)
- The Gerard and Wanda Brunet Scholarship recipients were approved-Tier I and Tier II awards were presented at the RISE Pep Rally on May 22nd. (Tyler Longolucco, Payton Cook, Andrew Laro, and Amanda Sciola)
- A report was given to The Board in regards to the high school cafeteria kitchen hood, which needs a new lining.
- The Board reviewed the new GPS Emergency Operations Manual, which explains our emergency procedures.
- The Board approved a community facilities use policy which now allows all in-town, non-profit groups that consist of at least 51% Griswold residents to use the school facilities at no charge.

May 24th Meeting:

- Elijah Perry, the Student Representative to the Board was thanked for his dedication.
- Olivia Violette and Tyler Longolucco were acknowledged as the GHS 2014 Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Student Leaders.
- Kirsten Drobiak and Adam Davis received recognition for their GHS 2014 Connecticut Schools Scholar Athletes Award.
- Kayla Gervais received the GHS 2014 Connecticut Association for Schools Visual Arts Award, while Amanda Sciola received the same award in the Performance Arts category.
- Our Employees of the Month were recognized as well, for their extreme dedication and hard work with the Dream Team! They are Mrs. Keane (GHS), Mrs. LaBossiere (GMS), Mrs. LaLima (GMS), and Mrs. Strout (GES).

- The “Dream Team” also gave a presentation on all the work they are doing with 93 other teachers in weekend workshops in Hartford, CT. They also shared some wonderful learning experiences they received while in Washington D.C. for the weekend.
- The Board accepted the GPS Emergency Operations Manual that was reviewed during the last meeting.
- An update was given regarding the kitchen hood lining in the GHS cafeteria. It looks like the work may fall under the scope that allows us to get up to 74% back in reimbursements.
- Cuts were made to the School Budget in the amount of \$198,000.

June 9th meeting:

- Student Nick Mattera was recognized for finishing in First Place in the CT Stock Market Game.
- The request was approved for the GHS Washington D.C. trip in November 2014.
- The Board approved another \$342, 000 in cuts, for a total of \$540, 0000, to meet the reduction handed down by the Board of Finance-they wanted no more than a .10 mill increase. A copy will be available of all cuts made, unfortunately, the Griswold High School received the greatest burden of cuts.
- The 3rd referendum date has not been confirmed- it will likely be held on June 24th or June 25th.

Important Dates

June 14th-ACT Testing and Flag Day

June 17th-TOWN PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET @ 7pm GMS Cafeteria

June 18th- GPS Building Committee in GES Library @ 6pm

June 20th-Last Day of School, Half Day

June 21st-Class of 2014 GRADUATION @ 10am

June 23rd- Board of Education Meeting-GMS Library @ 6pm

June 25th-July 3rd- Griswold Summer Band/Orchestra-Concert is July 3rd in the GHS cafeteria @ 10 am

Superintendent of Schools (Mr. Paul Smith)

Mr. Smith reviewed the current status of the 2014-2015 budget and the additional \$342,000 in cuts. Board of Finance requested no more than a 0.1 mill increase. He also shared that the average % increase across the state of CT is 2.21%. The 2013 increase was 1.95%. The third referendum will be held on June 24th 6AM to 8PM.

RISE Pep Rally, Final Assessments (Mr. Peel, Associate Principal)

RISE Pep Rally – students and staff were recognized for a variety of different reasons at the semi-annual RISE event. Wanda Burnett scholarship recipients were announced. Beginning next year, RISE will be expanded and embedded as part of the GHS everyday culture, further celebrating the 4 characteristic

pillars. A new RISE brand is being developed by students and will be announced and posted to the school website this summer.

Final Assessments Schedule – Mr. Peel reviewed the upcoming Final Assessment schedule and requirements. The actual school schedule will not be disrupted for assessments will be given during class time following the pre-determined schedule. Final Assessments are mandatory and will be included in the final class grade.

Teacher Updates by Teacher Representative (Lauren Anthony)

1. Summer Reading Book selections were reviewed by grade level. Summer reading will not be mandatory for all students. If a student chooses to read over the summer they will be given extra credit or the option to complete an assignment for later in the year. GHS is also considering starting an online book club for those students that may be interested.
2. Mrs. Anthony will be passing on the teacher liaison role to Mr. Nathan Moore (GHS Spanish teacher). The group thanked Mrs. Anthony for her 6 years of dedicated support to the PAC.

Calendar Update (Dr. Frizzell, Principal)

5/30-Lake Compounce, Veterans Project, Senior Barbeque
6/2 –Child Study Lab Farewell
6/3 – Dedication Ceremony of GPS Clock (in memory of Alicia Pierce, Class of 1982)
6/4 – GHS Underclassman Awards; GHS Café, 6PM
6/5 – GHS Senior Awards; GHS Aud, 4PM
6/5 – GHS Senior Banquet; French Club, 6PM
6/6- Student Council Barbeque
6/7 – SATs at GHS
6/9 – BOE
6/12- Locker cleanout/book returns
6/16-6/20 – Final Assessments
6/20 – Last of school for students (1/2 day)/ Senior graduation practice
6/21 – GHS Graduation (10AM)
6/23-24 – Professional Dev
6/23 – BOE

Final Up-date (Glenn LaBossiere, Campus Wide Activities Director and Athletic Director)

Mr. LaBossiere provided the group with a year end update regarding various sports teams at GHS. Five hundred and twelve students participated on teams and they completed 6 league championships. Three hundred and four unique names composed of 159 males and 145 females. He noted how well GHS students behave and how few issues are escalated to him as the GHS Athletic Director.

Year End Acknowledgements

GHS Senior Parents

Mr. LaBossiere - 21 yrs of dedicated service at GHS

Mr. Paul Smith, Superintendent- for his continued commitment

Mrs. Anthony – 6 yrs as PAC Teacher Liaison

Mr. Nathan Moore- Accepting to act as the Teacher Liaison going forward
Melissa Blondet- PAC BOE Liaison
Deb Camacho – PAC Meeting Minutes

Raffle (All embroidered items kindly donated by STM Embroidery)

1. Griswold Wolverines Bag –Yvonne
2. Griswold Wolverines Bag- Bridget Kinnie
3. Hat – Anne Ondreicka

****Next meeting to be held September 3rd at 7PM**

Close Meeting

- 1st: Motion to close the meeting made by Bridget Kinnie
- 2nd: Melissa Blondet

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deb Camacho