

**GHS
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Meeting Minutes
8Jun16**

Meeting called to order by co-chair Yvonne Palasky at 7:07 PM

1. Motion to call the meeting to order made by Leena Ali
2. Motion seconded by Bridget Kinnie

Meeting Minutes

1. Draft meeting minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and accepted.
2. Motion to accept the meeting minutes as written was made by Mr. Babajiyavar
3. Mike Laro seconded motion.

BOE Update (Melissa Blondet, PAC Meeting Representative)

Meeting Highlights (May BOE)

- The board recognized and honored the following students;
 - Alex Tamburrino and Skye Shogren: CAFE Student Leaders
 - Brianna Kinnie and Trevor Frizzell: CAS High School Scholar Athletes
 - Hunter Adams: CAS High School Visual Arts Recipient
 - Phillip Michel: CAS High School Performing Arts Recipient
- Honored Gerry Chester for his years of service as science teacher and cross country coach. Gerry retired in December 2015.
- The board unanimously appointed Sean McKenna as Superintendent of Griswold Public Schools, starting July 1st, 2016.

Teacher Updates by Teacher Representative (Mr. N. Moore)

- The June Teacher Newsletter will also be posted separately to the GHS PAC website <http://www.griswold.k12.ct.us/page.cfm?p=1772>

Science – a message from Mr. Andrew Meislitzer

The Science department will be offering a new pilot course for next year titled “Introduction to Computer Engineering”. This course will introduce the inner workings of computer technology to our students as they begin their journey into learning computer programming. The goal of this course is to expose our students into the growing field of software engineering, and to learn firsthand how they can write their very own computer program. This course will compound as the year progresses meaning they will start by building a foundation program that will continue to expand as the year progresses. By years end a fully functioning app will be pushed onto a smart phone or tablet so the students can play with. Students will be encouraged to build an application that will be helpful to society in some way, but they will also have creative flexibility to think outside the box when creating their new app.

MoneyWorks- Teaching Students How to Invest for Life-By Jodene Bromley

The MoneyWorks class has the distinct honor of hosting the guest speaker, Richard R. Rapp, Senior Vice President of RBC Corporation to discuss stock market strategies such as buy, hold and sell. The Sifma Foundation in conjunction with Investwrite brings a multitude of financial opportunities to students of all ages. As an Investwrite volunteer, Mr. Rapp has advised clients of many ages and financial levels. He has served a diverse clientele through very difficult market cycles for over fifteen years. Mr Rapp attended the University of Connecticut where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications sciences in 1987 as well as holding the Series 6, 7, 63, and 65 licenses. He was recognized in Connecticut Magazine as one of Connecticut's Five Star Wealth Managers in 2010.

Mr. Rapp's investment Philosophy is as follows:

"I believe the most effective way to capitalize on positive market trends is to generally be fully invested across a broad and diversified range of equity asset classes, while also incorporating fixed income, alternative assets, and cash in smaller proportions as appropriate given my client's risk tolerance, time horizon, and financial goals".

His approach to investing integrates client's objectives into a personalized plan that can be updated as life changes occur. He combines sophisticated investment planning tools with professional resources to help match clients objectives with customized solutions.

He will discuss with students the importance of developing a Financial Strategy by Understanding and Developing Financial Objectives, Gathering Current Financial Information, Developing Smart, Time-Tested Strategies, Implementing Thoughtful and Creative Solutions/Strategies, and Providing Timely, Ongoing Service.

World Language – a message from Sra. Adriano

During the 4th quarter Sra. Adriano's Spanish II and IIIH students did a wonderful job teaching their peers about cultural practices, traditions and foods from Mexico and Spain. We learned to dance the Bolero and the origins of the Piñata... We tried delicious Tapas, Paella, Tamales, and Leche Frita... and we learned the history of the Aztec Gods, Bull Fighting and the crazy Tomatina Festival in Spain.... and we enjoyed many, many more experiences than I could possibly list in a short paragraph. Muchísimas gracias to the students and to all the parents who supported their cultural preparations! You are all amazing! ¡Olé!

Medical Professions – a message from Stephanie Greaney

During the RISE Pep Rally, the Certified Nursing Students were recognized for completing over 100 hours of classroom time and over 60 hours of clinical time at Villa Maria during this school year. Students are competent in over 25 skills and hold their CPR certificate in Basic Life Support. Students who completed the hours while maintaining a 70% or better are eligible to take the State of CT C.N.A. examination.

One student went above and beyond her call of duty. Heather Lassale was awarded the Nightingale Award for excellence in clinical. Florence Nightingale was a courageous nurse in her time and this award symbolizes Heather's outstanding dedication and care to her residents as well as her devotion and teamwork to her classmates.

I am proud to present your 2016 Wolverine CNA class and the next generation of healthcare providers!

Summer Reading – a message from Mrs. Maralee Parker

Staff and students will be participating in Summer Reading during the next few months. We are working to build a community of readers. Please take some time this summer to read and discuss what you have read with your student.

The theme this summer is Sports, Fitness, and Wellness. Students are asked to choose a book or magazine articles or newspaper articles or blog posts to read related to the theme. This is a broad theme which includes sports and gaming, physical and emotional fitness, in addition to wellness in many areas including physical, emotional, social and financial. Students will discuss their reading choices at the beginning of the school year. There is a brief assignment which students should bring the first week of school.

Summer Reading is required of all students entering GHS in the fall. Please see the Summer Reading Web page for information: <https://sites.google.com/site/griswoldhslmc/home/sumreading>

Questions should be directed to Maralee Parker, Library Media Specialist.
mparker@griswoldpublicschools.org

A student's reflection on the Teaching the Young Child and the Child Study Lab Experience

I have learned so much from my experiences in the GHS Child Study Lab. The lab brings in eight preschool age children once or twice a week, for ten weeks in the spring. It was our responsibility as student teachers, under Mrs. Walsh's direction, to plan and present lesson/activities as well to observe development.

My goals were to learn how to deal with younger children and to learn the job responsibilities of a teacher. I learned how to write lesson plans and to evaluate my own lesson plans. I learned how to complete observations and to provide constructive feedback to other student teachers. As students we were assigned to complete a portfolio for one of the children in the program. The portfolio consisted of recording observations related to family, friends and favorites and also included seven different developmental milestones. The portfolio concluded with our recommendations to the child's next teacher (hypothetical) and parents.

When working with young children I learned we need to understand that each child is unique. Each requiring the student teachers to plan lessons/activities that were developmentally appropriate for the children enrolled in the GHS Child Study Lab. This was a fun and enjoyable learning experience.

Sarah Burkart

History – A message from Mr. Doug Craig

Doug Craig was fortunate enough to attend the reading and scoring of the AP US History examinations for the College Board in Louisville, Kentucky. There he was trained in scoring Document Based Questions, graded DBQs from around the country for 52 hours, and attended PD offered by the College Board. He believes this experience will prove invaluable in his future assessment and instruction.

A message from School Nurse Mrs. Dee Tedeschi

Is your child entering 11th grade in the fall? If so, a current 10th grade physical is required. This is a state mandated physical and must be completed prior to entering 11th grade. The completed form must be dated no earlier than June 1, 2015 and received by the school health office prior to the first day of school.

If you would like a blank physical form to bring with you to your provider's office, they are available in the main office at GHS, or on our website under health services, where it can be printed. Most local pediatricians will have a supply of these state forms.

Please be sure the doctor's office completes **ALL** of the asterisk boxes on the form as they are mandatory. If they are not completely filled out your child will be unable to start school. Blood work will also be required and the physical will not be complete without the results.

Vision and hearing screenings are not provided by the school in 10th grade as these screenings are assessed by the provider at this physical exam and the results must be recorded on the blue physical form. Students will not receive their schedule for the fall semester and will be sent home on the first day of school and will be unable to return to school until the completed physical is in the health office. Please make sure your child starts the new school year off right and on time.

Our contact numbers are (860) 376-7647 and Fax (860) 376-7677. It is best to fax or mail the completed physical to GHS, attention: School Nurse.

Fall Sports Sign Up's is upon us!!!! Please make sure your child's physical/sports physical is up to date so they can start the season off right without interruption.

If you are not sure if your child's physical/sports physical is current (it must be dated no earlier than August 15th, 2015 for Football and August 25th, 2015 for all other sports) please contact the Nurses Office or have your child stop by and we will let them know. If they have a new physical/sports physical and you have not yet sent it in, please do so. You can also have their doctor fax it to us. If you have any questions please contact the nurses office at (860) 376-7647 Fax (860) 376-7677.

They may not tryout for any sport without a current physical so please make sure they get it in on time.

- **Calendar Updates (Dr. Frizzell, Principal)**

- 6/1 – Child Study Lab Completion (ECE UCONN) 6/8 – Cap Decorating in Cafeteria (5-8PM)
- 6/1 – Underclassmen Awards/Ice Cream Social
- 6/2 – Life Skills
- 6/3 – Senior Awards Night
- 6/3 – Senior Barbeque/Senior Class Trip to Six Flags
- 6/7- Family Consumer Science Made a cake for Doctor Frizzell for the faculty meeting
- 6/8- PAC Meeting
- 6/10 – Senior Breakfast and Graduation Rehearsal- Senior Early Dismissal (Seniors Last Day)
- 6/11 – Graduation (10AM)
- 6/14 – Last Day of School- ½ Day for students
- 6/27- Board of Education Meeting (6PM)

Senior video of pictures is available for \$5. Please contact Mr. Shoen if interested.

Raffle (All embroidered items kindly donated by STM Embroidery)

- Prizes included green embroidered towel, several umbrellas and coffee mugs.

****Next meeting to be held September 7th, 2016 at 7PM, GHS Library**

Close Meeting (8:00PM)

1st: Motion to close the meeting made by Mr. Babajiyavar

2nd: Bridget Kinnie

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deb Camacho