

October 18, 2007

School Council Minutes

Lauren Cunningham, Hallie Balcomb, Michele Cummings, Kim Slipp, Christina

Triano, Deb, Ray, Becky Harrigan, Kelsy Kerwin, Rob Roy, Carol Besanko,

Sally Hatch, Carolyn Lambert, Jennie Wiacek, Emily Rudolph, Charlie Tryder, Courtney Smith, Kate Foster

- 2 Co-chairs
- Everyone has one vote
- 60% to pass an initiative
- Proposals come from members or student body
- Charlie Tryder and John Drisko are non-voting members
- Nomination for Lauren Cunningham, Jennie Wiacek, Emily Rudolph, Courtney Smith
- Nomination for Christina Triano, but declined
- Nomination for Rob Roy, but declined
- Mr. Drisko nominated and seconded
- Suggestion is made and seconded to have two student co-chairs and one faculty co-chair (Mr. Drisko)

Protocol -

- Should we do away with quorum in order to hold votes?

Movement made and seconded.

- Should the quorum be lowered instead of eliminated?
- Voting by proxy? Let's separate these issues.
- Initial motion suspended.
- Each vote will count equally for quorum, regardless of student or faculty
- New quorum is 13, 8 votes would be required to pass.

Unanimous decision

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- Proxy votes would keep the discussion from swaying a vote.

The

proposals serve as a springboard for discussion but often aren't the actual item being voted on.

Does having a proxy detract from the importance of attendance?

- Could we have 7 proxies at once?
- Let's possibly come back to this if necessary.
- Lauren Cunningham and Emily Rudolph voted in as student co-chairs.

- Motion to consider having a timetable on topics that have been either tabled or delayed

- Three meeting maximum to revisit tabled topics
- Three seems too long. Let's have it become one month instead.

Two months may be necessary for research.

- Ought tabled issues have a task list attached to them?
- Can something be continually tabled, or should it have a time line for a vote.

- New motion is to bring it up at each consecutive.

Something must have

a vote after being tabled twice. Unanimously accepted.

- Communication of issues
 - Announcements
 - Web Page
 - The board ought to look better and be more up-to-date.
 - Co-chairs will bring agenda to Rob Roy
 - Publish agendas in Gorham Times.
 - Could we have homerooms in advance of meetings to

make students aware?

- Student council could help communicate.

Class meetings once a month to make people aware of the issues.

Motion

made and seconded.

- Would homeroom be better?
- Where could we hold them?
- Student meeting would give them ownership?
- Reps would be at class meetings to answer questions
- We need to be least obtrusive to class time.
- Twice a month, possibly?
- Would there be a good discussion during whole-class

meetings?

- Could there be a mix of all of the ideas?
- Move to vote on the motion for monthly class meetings?

16 no, 2

abstain.

- Unfinished business proposal 18 about re-instating homeroom

- Time to relax and get into the mindset of doing school (5-10 minutes in the morning)

- Homeroom, if long enough, could be used to visit teachers and make up work. (could be considered more of a break than a homeroom)

- Frenetic pace is too difficult

- There is currently a plan to add advisory to the year. May be different, though, than adding a daily homeroom.

- What is the difference between advisory and homeroom?

- Homeroom was put in place after Columbine

- Small group of people with one adult who got to know them

- Morning homeroom was a logistical nightmare in the office.

- Vocational students would miss out on it at some time.

- If pacing is the issue, would a schedule change be in order?

- Why do we want homeroom? - Checking in, snack time, pacing

- Lunch is chaotic

- Current homeroom isn't working.

- Monday, Tuesday, and Friday

- Motion put forward to do Monday and Tue for 5 minutes between 2 and 3

and for 10-15 minutes between 6 and 7. Motion seconded.