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School Council Minutes (alsas an attachment).

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Minutes of last meeting approved unanimously
Homeroom proposal coming back up
Question from student - Can the homeroom happen at the beginning of the day thelp maintain rhythm of the day.

Would five-minute homerooms be more of an interruption than a break

Total of six emails came intgoghs.org - split on the issue
Some students only want it if it would take time out of classes.
Some freshman aren't coming thomeroom when we've had it.
First period attendance has benefitted from not having homeroom

Seniors don't all see homeroom as something they'd want back.
Adding time between classes would be more helpful than homeroom as far as the pacing of the day goes.

Long (single period) lunch and adviser periods would help with the same problems in a more efficient manner.

Homeroom during the day wouldn't be as effective as at the beginning of the regarding getting tknow students

Motion made tpush this discussion back until single-period lunch and advisor/advisee is discussed. Passes with all but one vote.

Single lunch issue
1/16 minutes describe its being tabled, which is nlonger allowed as per school council rules.

Are the questions we had last year being addressed The proposed sub-committee was never formed.

Students would be allowed to meet in American Studies rooms during that time as a "safe place."

Is forty-five minutes too long

Open gym is an issue with control and resources

Duty needs would trump the ability to have the meetings, etc.

Lunch took a long time to get.

Caf seemed crazy.

Was a week a long enough time to make up our minds

Would people staying in the caf the entire time or would students flow

through the seating and food lines

Have we talked to other schools about this No.

Do we have the resources to look into the issues

Sub-committee formed of Becky, Courtney, Emily, Christina, John

Should we try it again:

We could speak with people during this time

Let's be more explicit about the point

Let's allow acclimation

We could have a homeroom to talk through the issue

Motion made to hold off until January meeting - at the latest, when the sub-committee will bring data.

Issues will come up again at the December faculty meeting.

Have a homeroom on the 13th before the meeting to allow for discussion.

Getting back to the homeroom proposal

Let's get it to a vote, knowing that it can come back up if fails.

Motion is made to vote in favor of the homeroom proposal.

Are there any logistical answers to problems with students skipping

Office is short staffed.

Ought we vote for something that is likely to be temporary

Will approving this be detrimental to the office

Vote - Unanimously opposed.

Culture of school needs to improve

- More meetings via homeroom
- Student council taking over the boards, with pictures of class reps.
- Gorham Times write ups