



**Groton-Dunstable Regional  
High School**

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**School Council Meeting  
Minutes for February 3, 2010**

Present: Kathy Icenogle                      Sharri Magid  
          Sally Bartel                            Lisa O'Neill  
          Laura Yanchenko                    Joyce Bennett  
          Shelley Marcus Cohen            Joyce Gilmartin  
          Debbie Bayer                        Guest: Shua Arshad

Absent: Leo Biocchi  
          Marie Anne Durst  
          Tina Middlebrook  
          Rafael Glod  
          Ester Edwin

I Acceptance of the minutes of the December meeting:

1. Vote to accept the minutes
  - Motion made by Joyce Gilmartin
  - Second by Deb Bayer
  - Voted: All in favor

II Discussion of recent drug incident

1. Consequences reflected the discussion of the 2009-2010 School Council
2. Consequences reflected the changes to the GDRHS Student Handbook 2009-2010
3. Restorative Justice: The ability to make amends to those the incident or actions have hurt.
  - a. Includes the ability for the student to regain respect from the community
4. Discussion: Response of students; Response of parents.
  - a. Both seemed, at this time, to think that the consequences were both fair and appropriate
5. Recommendations for inclusion into the contract student were given as a condition of returning to school:
  - a. Community service with younger students as well as their peers.

II Volunteerism at GDRHS (at report by Sharri Magid & Sally Bartel)

1. Most schools with a mandatory volunteer program have a person dedicated to the management of opportunities and student data.
  - a. Meets with student to match up interest and opportunities
  - b. Tracks student hours

- c. Recruits and checks organization requesting volunteers
  - d. Requests student journals and other reflective practices
2. Other schools, over the course of a students' high school career, require 20 to 40 hours.
  3. Concord –Carlisle HS and Lexington HS have quality programs.
  4. Questions:
    - a. Where does a volunteer requirement fit into the NEASC standards?
    - b. Could this be sold to the HS and general community give the current economic climate?
    - c. Are there enough opportunities for our student in the greater Groton-Dunstable area?
      - i. Council members indicates that there are many opportunities including the Dunstable Library, conservation commission, youth organizations including athletic programs, Council on Aging, etc.
    - d. What are the legal ramifications of posting volunteer sites?
    - e. Could we pilot a volunteer program recognizing students with an honor cord at graduation for 20 or 30 hours of volunteer service over the course of their high school career?

### III NEASC Up-Date

1. The Mission and Expectations for Student Learning Committee are developing full rubrics for each of the new five expectations.
  - a. The Council should have these by next month
2. Some standards teams are ready for student and parent input.
  - a. The principal will establish these connections within the month

## **School Council Agenda for March 3, 2010**

- I Sign-in
- II Acceptance of Minutes for February
- IV Community Service Requirement
  1. Final recommendations by the Council
- V NEASC
  1. Review of rubrics for Expectations for Learning
- VI Budget for FY 11
- VII Open Forum