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**School Council Meeting
Minutes: September 16, 2009**

Present: Shua K. Arshad Kathy Icenogle
Sally Bartel Sharri Magid
Debbie Bayer Tina Middlebrook
Shelley Marcus Cohen Lisa O'Neill
Ester Edwin Cynthia Pitkin
Joyce Gilmartin Laura Yanchenko
Rafael Glod

- I Welcome & Introduction of those in attendance

- II The composition of the council:
 - 1. The law concerning parity:
There must be parity between the number of parent representatives and the number school professionals.
 - 2. Composition of the GDRHS School Council 2009-2010
 - Five faculty positions
 - Five parent positions
 - One community member
 - Three student members

- III Three returning parent members:
 - 1. Kathy Icenogle
 - 2. Marie Ann Durst
 - 3. Clint Huff

- IV Election of two parent representatives
 - 1. The election will take place at Open House Night
 - 2. Parents will be supplied with a ballot when they enter the school.
 - 3. Ballots will be tallied the following morning

- V Overview of the duties and responsibilities of the Council as mandated by law.
 - 1. Review of the Budget
 - 2. A review of the School Improvement Plan
 - 3. Review of the Strategic Plan being developed at the district level

- VI Unfinished business from last year: A mandatory Community Service Requirement

1. Discussion: (a) Number of hours (per year, per high school career)?
 (b) Honor cord for those exceeding the required numbers of hours?
 (c) What constitutes community service?
 (d) What are the various clubs requiring for community service?
 (For example, NHS)
2. Sub Committee to compile a list of volunteer sites for students: Sally, Sharri and Cynthia
3. Policy statement needs to be developed.

V Budget

1. The Principal shared the FY '10 Budget with the Council.
2. What are the priorities for FY '11?
 Discussion: Textbooks for Integrated Science and possible funding options or lower cost options.
3. Technology repair and replacement is a major need.
 Discussion:
 - (a) Laptop carts are not up and running; these carts were in poor condition last year.
 - (b) Acquisition of new computers or netbooks
 - (c) A computer lab with desktop computers versus more carts with laptops
4. Copy machines
 - (a) Question as to what type of contracts we (the district) have with copy machines?

School Council Meeting Agenda for October 7, 2009

- I Welcome of newly elected members
- II Acceptance of the minutes
- II Budget
 1. Establishing budget priorities for the FY'11 school year.
- III Community Service Requirement
 1. Report by the subcommittee developing a list of community service sites
 2. Begin to develop a draft policy
- IV Other initiatives for the coming year
 1. Members are welcome to bring to the table other issues or initiatives
- V Agenda for November.

For the October 7th Meeting

1. All members of the Council will be provided with the FY'10 budget
2. Copies of the copier contracts
3. Samples of community service requirements at other schools