

# **Greenspun School Organizational Team**

## **Minutes for meeting on November 16, 2022**

### SOT members:

Sharee Bennecke (parent) present	Andrew Slocum (teacher) present
Jeremy Marschner (parent) present	Heather Houchens (teacher) absent
Lorin Altman (parent) present	Casey Juliano (teacher) present
Elizabeth Jacobi (parent) absent	TBD (teacher)
Chunyan Lee (parent) absent	Christine Moore (support staff) present
Amanda Miller (parent) absent	Krysta Ortiz (parent) present
Emily Sanchez (student rep.) present	

### Also present:

Jacqueline Carducci, principal  
Nakia Barker, assistant principal  
Jason Bidwell, assistant principal  
Shannon Regin, assistant principal

- Sharee calls meeting to order at 2:34pm
- Sharee takes roll
- Sharee asks SOT to review 10/5/2022 meeting minutes
- Team reviews minutes, Sharee asks Andy to rectify the record to include the announcement from the 10/5 meeting that two absences from SOT meetings without communication may result in removal from the SOT.
- Christine motions to approve minutes, Krysta 2nds, minutes are approved.
- Sharee advances to next agenda item and inquires about safety protocol updates
- Jackie explains that the Centegix system has been implemented at Greenspun, which enables adults to click a panic button for assistance.
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding expense approvals.
- Jackie explains that Greenspun is interested in purchasing the digital hall pass program, which would cost \$3.60 per student.
- Heather adds that it will be essential to have time for teacher training to learn the new software program.
- Krysta adds that the data from the hallway pass program is helpful for seeing patterns in student movement throughout the building.
- The team discusses the possible merits of using the hallway pass program.
- Emily asks what the program means for students if it is implemented, and how it would be used by them.

- Heather explains that students would sign out on a Chromebook to leave the room, and supporting data would determine where students went, and for how long.
- Casey adds that it will be helpful to know as much about the program as possible in order to have a successful implementation, especially as it relates to teacher responsibilities.
- Heather explains that one of our other staff members has used the software previously at another school, and can help provide Greenspun staff with additional information and insight.
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item and inquires about any changes or updates to the School Improvement Plan.
- Jackie and Nakia explain that the plan has been submitted and is currently in the approval process.
- Jackie adds that the administrative team has started planning for a strategic committee to promote standardized testing achievement.
- Heather inquires about the possibility of a schoolwide fundraiser to hire additional staff as needed to reduce class sizes.
- Jackie adds that we have recently acquired several new teachers at Greenspun, including a new science teacher, orchestra teacher, and art teacher. The admin team is also monitoring the virtual Spanish program and is hopeful that they will be able to hire a Spanish teacher at Greenspun as well.
- Sharee advances to the next item on the agenda regarding 2022-2023 budget goals, needs, and wants.
- Nakia reviews some of the goals for the School Improvement Plan, and explains about upcoming formative assessments, with winter MAP testing coming soon in December. Incentives are being discussed for participation and performance.
- Heather asks about the incentives are how they are chosen. Shannon explains that the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports committee developed the rewards plan for student behaviors.
- Emily adds that Student Council provides many types of treats and incentives throughout the school year, and the students have a voice in determining these types of treats and rewards.
- Shannon explains that the budget for positive behavior rewards is currently extremely limited, so the PBIS team worked hard to brainstorm ideas that were affordable, repeatable, and also popular.
- Sharee advances to the next agenda item regarding parent issues and concerns and shares a concern about student cell phones being confiscated for the entire day as opposed to returning phones at the end of a class period.
- Jackie explains that cell phones may be confiscated and turned in to the Student Success office and must be picked up by a parent at the end of the school day.

- Sharee asks for clarification on the consistency of the rules regarding cell phone confiscation. Jackie explains that teachers must use their professional discretion when making decisions about cell phone confiscation.
- Casey shares an example about how school rule exceptions affected her family and how they resolved the issue through effective communication practices.
- Jackie emphasizes that it is extremely important for parents to communicate directly with their child's teacher for clarification or questions, and to contact the administrative team only if they are not satisfied with the resolution.
- Sharee asks Emily if there are any updates or announcements from student council to share.
- Emily shares that STUCO is preparing the snack cart for teachers again tomorrow, and they are very excited to provide this treat for teachers.
- Emily also shares an experience that she had with the cell phone policy in one of her classes, and how she was warned for having her cell phone out while looking for her chromebook charger.
- Jason shares that basketball tryouts have wrapped up, and were even extended to accommodate families that had difficulty accessing the "registermyathlete" website.
- Casey shares that the robotics team was successful in their first tournament of the year!
- Heather shares that the school would benefit tremendously from new bleachers in the gymnasium. Admin team concurs, and explains that the process to request bleacher replacement has been initiated.
- Heather adds that parent volunteers may be appreciated to assist with all of the amazing student council events that are happening this year.
- Sharee shared that she was disappointed with a recent volunteer experience, and how important it is to solicit volunteers as needed to help fundraising events to run smoothly
- Heather motions to adjourn the meeting, Casey seconds, meeting is adjourned at 3:25pm

Next SOT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7 @2:30pm