

Greenspun School Organizational Team

Minutes for meeting on Nov. 14, 2018

SOT members:

Julianna Berry (parent) **present**
Andrew Slocum (teacher) **present**
Shawn Burda (parent) **absent**

Rebecca Hill (parent) **present**
Heather Houchens (teacher) **present**
Sophia Murdock (student rep.) **present**

Also present:

Jackie Carducci, principal

- Meeting is brought to order at 3:00pm
- members reviewed previous end-of-year meeting minutes and details
- Jackie Carducci, GJHS Principal, discussed her role and the role of SOT committee members
- Jackie informed committee members of upcoming SOT district wide meeting
- Andy Slocum indicates interest in being secretary for 2018-2019 committee
- Heather expresses that committee president should be a parent
- Jackie explains that Susan Bernstein would be excellent resource for fundraising, esp. for Chromebook program
- Heather nominates Rebecca Hill for president
 - Julianna Berry seconds nomination
 - Rebecca elected president
- Andy Slocum elected secretary
- Rebecca discusses meeting times, proposes 2nd Wednesday of every month
- Andy expresses interest in creating website for pertinent SOT committee information, including calendar, upcoming workshops, contact info, and minutes
- Heather expresses interest in getting printouts of the budget for committee review
- Jackie explains that school budget is currently locked
 - School performance plan has affected the current budget
- Jackie discusses new state rule about performance framework and star rating, as it relates to TSI designation for numerous CCSD schools, including Greenspun
- Jackie outlines fundraising and academic support for successful programs such as ALEKS, Study Sync, and the ELL Intervention program.
- Sophia is asked her opinion on the ALEKS program. She explains that it is mostly good, but feels that it did not adequately prepare her for success in Algebra.

- Discussion about ALEKS commences, including the efficacy of ALEKS, and whether its efficacy is dependent on grade level, per Sophia's perspective
- Heather suggests that the high cost of ALEKS vs. the benefits may warrant future budget scrutiny by SOT committee
- Julianna inquires about the actual cost of ALEKS (secretary does not have notes that this question was answered during the meeting)
- Heather proposes that we consider methods for determining future agenda items, and asks that we consider investigating the benefits of Greenspun becoming a STEAM magnet school.
- Jackie explains that magnet school status is largely determined by school district upper management. Jackie says that she will research more about how schools can become magnet schools
- Heather offers that magnet school status could add to Greenspun's visibility and recruitment efforts, including superintendent visits. Explains that magnet schools enjoy many benefits that "regular" schools do not, including additional funding sources
- Committee members inquire about how the agenda is determined for each month's meeting. Several members offer suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting, including:
 - How to fund additional lunchtime supervision and activities
 - Compile a list of all the current GJHS fundraisers
 - 50/50 raffles as a way to raise additional funds
 - Setting up GJHS foundation for fundraising revenues
- Finally, it is proposed that the agenda for the next meeting be posted 7 days prior to the meeting date.
- Meeting is adjourned 4:00pm.

Next meeting: December 5, 2018