

GHS Student Government ExComm: Lunch Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Recycling:

- Research on our current recycling resources, get data
- Would specific location for trash cans, locked in three–four places, be beneficial?
- Protocol for donating: PTA and Greenwich Alliance happen easily, no gift caps for the high school
- Discuss with SG members and regroup

Blake Reinken, *Student Body President:*

- Student Sign Out on Google Fourm well received by Administration, follow up with Mr. Meyers about embedding this in the GHS planner app. Way to digitally track students coming and going, strengthens the sustainability of the policy
- Work with Ms. Grey to push publicity of Pizza Bid, overall effort to improve transparency to local businesses.

Gianna DeMasi, *VP of Communications:*

- Newsletter template is complete, first Newsletter to go out on Friday, November 21st. Will be delivered by Dr. Winters' email to faculty and students.
- Email Dr. Mckersie link to Newsletter, he will push out promo for subscription, link on SG website to sign up
- Blake can announce at BOE Meeting

Uma Ramesh, *VP of Student Concerns:*

- Repainting parking lines
- Focus on a cleaner Student Center, awareness campaign will begin with large posters containing pictures of garbage after 4th lunch. Create a social consciousness and sense of ownership of GHS campus.
- Proposals to mull over with SG members, open it up to suggestions from members
- Teens Teach Grant Finalist Application Video submitted, eager to hear back!

Alexis Tatore, *VP of Special Events:*

- Counties: a county wide dance, could include public school and private school students, centered around a charity organization, very popular in other districts. Limited to only Greenwich.
- Possibly a formal event focused on philanthropy

Pascale Carrel, *VP of Community Service:*

- GHS Blood Drive on Friday, November 21, 2014. There will be online registration this year. Focus on pushing information about how to prepare for donating blood and possibly deliver water and a snack to students on the morning of.

- Thanksgiving Food Drive on the loading dock on the 24th, collected 200 non perishable items, goal to feed 200 families. Winning house with most donated items and points from penny wars, gets to pie Dr. Winters in the face.

Julia Bunte-Mein, Senior Class President:

- Maggie's Mission came to YNET and gave a presentation about self defense. Basic tips about how to be safe, really powerful, girl started the program is 16. Spoke with Dr. Termini to coordinate event to speak to all grades, especially seniors for post high school.
- Senior Class donates a portion of their funds to scholarships, will donate \$1000 to GEA (teachers union) and GSA (award from senior class)

Spencer Faragasso, Junior Class President:

- Recap from lunch survey, 700 people responded, wild suggestions, may have asked too many questions. Will share results and meet with Dr. Winters Monday morning.
- Bake Sale!!

Sofia Vittoria, Sophomore Class President:

- NAMES day tomorrow (Thursday, Nov. 13), going to push survey to sophomores whether they think a follow up to NAMES day will be effective, gauge interest
- Lunch Lines are way too long, will speak to Ms. Greg but the problem is due to lack of staffing (town issue)
- Use Ms. Fox to push emails to Sophomores, focus on communication
- Make Class T-shirts from Ms. Lynch's free t-shirt offer, hot chocolate sales
- Possibly work with Moxie, organization that gives free concert tickets to schools each year.

George Brulaj, Freshman Class President:

- Freshmen section missing chairs, Dr. Winters says more chairs have been ordered but will check to make sure
- Talked to Mr. Lindeen, raise funds for Freshman Football team water supply, focusing on donations to get the funds.
- NAMES day survey completed and revealed confusion about what the event is (they will find out tomorrow!)

Dr. McKersie, Superintendent of Greenwich Public Schools:

- Developing a district plan to focus our work, guide our work, and student voice will be very important. "Strategic Planning" in GPS, Dr. Winters is assembling a focus group.

Ms. Ospina, Board of Education Representative:

- BOE is voting on GHS courses such as Freshman English 113, Blake has been learning about this and will work with Board to voice student opinion.