
Agenda 11.30.22 + Minutes

11.16.22


Hanover High Council *[Meeting #41]*

“Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow.” --
Mahatma Gandhi

- Bring a Motion to Council - ANYONE Can! -



The Bitesize Council Minutes 🍪

- 1) Examining Equity Elections
 - a) Kai Doron and Vidushi Sharma are the new Council Reps on the committee!
- 2)  Squirtfest Opposition Motion - 2022-2023 FAILS
 - a) Motion Fails via [Roll Call Vote](#)
 - b) Motion for a Referendum (the entire school would be able to vote for this motion) - FAILS



Agenda [11.30.22]

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
3. Schedule Discussion
4. Summative/Formative Notification Handbook Revision
5. Notes and New Business

Minutes [11.16.22]

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Reports

- **Moderator [Riley McGuire ('23)]:**
 - Met with Ms. Stevenson and Ms. Murray to discuss the Assassin motion
 - Discussed getting the word out about new handbook changes
- **Assistant Moderator [Sora Shirai ('23)]:**
 - Be sure to use the Council hand motion to agree with someone else do not raise your hand to be on the speakers list
 - Do not state other people's names in debate, refer to them as "previous speakers"
 - If you are a Council member who has not been assigned to a committee yet please stay after the meeting today
- **Treasurer [Kavi Patel ('24)]:**
 - Council Fund: \$3,705.54
 - Co-Curricular Fund: \$4,958.04
 - There are a couple of allocations coming soon
 - The Microgrant committee will be up and running soon
- **Public Relations Officer [Kavi Patel ('24)]:**
 - Follow us on Instagram: @hanoverhighcouncil
- **Dresden School Board Representative [Vidushi Sharma ('23)]:**
 - Speaker posted information about the DSB meetings on Schoology recently
 - Speaker really encourages all to come and talk or at least listen at these meetings as this groups decisions are very important and change our school

Point of Information

- When and where are the meetings?
 - They are the last tuesday of every month at 7pm in the library and can also be viewed via Zoom

- **Committee on Programming and Procedure Representative [*Mia Bagnato ('24)]:***
 - Met on 11.14
 - Discussed the Strategic Planning Portrait of a Graduate draft
- **Administrative Committee [Theo Cook ('25)]:**
 - Met on 11.7
 - Met with Mr. Hirschorn to discuss his 15 min policy motion
- **Curriculum Committee [Gus Thompson ('25)]: No Report**
- ***Student Activities Committee [Theo Burdick ('24)]:***
 - Met on 11.15
 - Discussed survey that will be sent out about Spring Carnival activities
- **Organizational and Engineering Committee [Sophie Wise ('24)]**
 - Microgrant elections were on Thursday 11.10
 - We encourage everyone to run for the committee as it is new, exciting and a minimal commitment
 - We are holding off on finalizing the election until we have more people so please run! Email: sophiewise@hanovernorwichschools.org
- **Student Life Committee [Locky McCann ('23)]**
 - Replied to San Born's email and are working on the details of the visit
 - Looked over Mr. Berube's Town Hall Motion - Committee approved unanimously so it will be coming to Council soon
- **Staff Meeting Report [*Linda Danilek (staff) and Beth Ryan (staff)]:***
 - Discussed the schedule and tried to fit classes in that students want to take
- **Student Life Committee [Locky McCann ('23)]**
 - Had a white board in the Atrium asking students about thoughts on the Assassin Motion
 - Most students thought that Gun Violence Protests and Assassin can co-exist
- **Secretary [*Anna Healey ('24)]:***
 - Senior and Junior alternates may vote

3. Examining Equity Committee Elections

Kai Doron and Vidushi Sharma are the new Examining Equity Committee Council reps.

4. Squirtfest Opposition Motion - 2022-2023 [brought by Mack Levy ('23) (on behalf of Mr. Murphy)]

- Discussion Cont. from last week (New Speaker's List)
 - Why are we taking a stance over something that we do not have jurisdiction over?

- School shootings in this country are a terrible thing
- A precedent has already been sent- the school has already banned the game from school property
- As a Senior Class Committee member, [Speaker] can confidently say that this motion will not change anything
- The student body will not be happy if they hear that Council has spent three weeks working towards something that they do not have jurisdiction over and are trying to take away another Hanover tradition
- There is a mental leap from shooting water at someone vs a bullet
- Most seniors are 18 by the time they play the game
 - They have the right to choose to play the game or not
 - It is not a school sanctioned game
 - Council should not have a say over what students do in their free time
- Council has put itself on a pedestal claiming that what we think is right and by doing so we are forgetting our constituents
- No Council member who is going to play Assassin should vote in favor of this motion
 - It would be incredibly hypocritical to do so
- Council has power in creating discussion in our school
 - We would not be jumping on the bandwagon of staff and administration but would be opening a discussion for the students
 - We are establishing the precedent of hopefully ending Assassin which is different than the one that the administration set
 - [Speaker] does not plan on playing Assassin
 - No one has claimed that Assassin causes gun violence, it is instead hypocritical to play Assassin and work to stop gun violence
- Doesn't matter who is for or against this motion, it is wasting Council's time
 - Everyone is repeating their opinions
 - Because this motion will have no effect on the student body we need to close debate and vote on this motion
- Personally, the [speaker] had to jump into a ditch with her daughter to move out of the way of a car with a student playing Assassin in it
 - We value equity at our school
 - We have privilege in the Upper Valley and it is not as risky for us to play games like this but it is risky for students who play it in other cities

- If we are truly checking our privilege we should not participate in something that other students can not participate in safely
- Though this isn't within Council or the school's jurisdiction Council should issue a statement because if something were to happen, it would most likely reflect badly on our entire school

Debate Closes

Point of Information

- If you are not on Council, you may not vote.

Roll Call Vote Requested and Practiced

Point of Inquiry

- Can [Speaker] change their vote?
 - [Speaker] changed vote.
- Do Abstentions count toward passing or failing the motion?
 - Abstentions count toward failing the motion?
 - [Speaker] changed vote back.

Point of Information

- Explaining abstentions used to be in practice in Council but that is not in accordance with Robert's Rules so we stopped allowing that.
- Can speaker's choose to explain their abstentions?

Point of Information

- [Speaker] was under the impression that abstentions were to only be used when the voter missed a meeting or was biased in some way

Point of Information

- [Speaker] believed that an abstention vote was okay to be used if one didn't think that there had been enough debate on a motion

Motion Fails ([Roll Call Voting Record](#))

- I move to refer this motion to a referendum. [brought by Mr. Berube (staff)]
 - Seconded by Shayna Rockmore
 - Authorship Speech:
 - In our [Bylaws](#) it states that Council can refer any motion to be voted on by the school body
 - It would be voted on within 3 days and the vote would be run by OEC

- It would be good to turn this vote over to the people, our school and community
- Question Session:
 - How will this work with Thanksgiving break coming up?
 - The voting would stay open for 1 week
 - Who would be allowed to vote?
 - Students and staff
- Debate:
 - [Speaker] feels that it is time to stop prolonging this motion
 - It is clear that this motion is not what Council or what seniors and other students want
 - Dumping this on OEC would not be fair
 - [Speaker] is unsure of whether or not this referendum is valid as Council already voted on the motion

Point of Information

- Referendums can only be made after a motion has been passed or failed by Council

- This referendum is in line with the motions intent as it would spark discussion which was the motion's goal
- Opening up this motion to the public is unnecessary because the senior class already said that they would not be changing their game based on any Council decision

Point of Information

- The Bylaw Language regarding referendums is now up on the projector.
- The original motion was requesting Council's opinion and it would not make sense to ask the school "What would you like Council's opinion on this motion to be?"
 - Getting the school's opinions would be great but a new motion would need to be brought to make it make more sense
- This is an unnecessary burden on OEC
 - Majority of staff were voting in favor of this motion while majority of students were voting against this motion which would most likely be representative of what the entire school's opinions would be
- This is a great idea as it would allow the school to directly give their opinions and make the decision for themselves

Point of Inquiry

- How many people are left on the speaker's list?
 - 6 people

Debate Closes

Point of Inquiry

- What would the language of the referendum be?
 - The students and staff would be voting for Council to make a statement about Assassin
 - The language would match the original language of the motion

Point of Inquiry

- This motion requires 2/3rds to pass.

Point of Information

- [Speaker] missed vote so can we please revote?
 - Yes

Referendum Fails

Point of Inquiry

- What were the results of the vote?
 - 9 voted for the referendum while 21 voted against a referendum

Meeting Adjourns

- Past Council Agenda + Minutes -	
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 2.2.22</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 1.26.22</u>
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 1.12.22</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 1.5.22</u>
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 12.15.21</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 12.8.21</u>
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 12.1.21</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 11.17.21</u>
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 11.10.21</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 11.3.21</u>
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 10.27.21</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 10.20.21</u>
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 10.6.21</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 9.29.21</u>
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 9.22.21</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 9.15.21</u>
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 9.8.21</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 9.1.21</u>

<u>- Council Links -</u>		
<u>HHS Handbook</u>	<u>Council Bylaws</u>	<u>Council Website</u>
<u>Roll Call Record</u>	<u>Meeting Attendance</u>	<u>Council Members</u>
<u>Broadside Archives</u>	<u>Council Feedback Form</u>	<u>Council Instagram</u>
Email us at HHS Council		

<u>- HHS Clubs + Organizations -</u>		
<u>Clubs + Organizations</u>	<u>Links</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>
<i>The Broadside</i>	<u>Instagram</u> / <u>Website</u>	Library on Thursday (Activity)
DECA	<u>Instagram</u> / <u>Website</u>	Room 118 on Thursday (Activity)
Environmental Club	<u>Instagram</u>	Room 226 on Tuesday (Activity)

Fashion Club	Instagram / Join / Email	
French Club	Instagram	Room 246 every other Friday
The Hot Take	Instagram	Room R11 on Thursday (Activity)
Houseplant Club	Instagram	Room 233 on Monday (Lunch)
Mokagraphia Club		Room 107 on Tuesday (Activity)
She's the First	Instagram	Room 124 on Thursday (Lunch)
Please email hhs-council@hanovernorwichschools.org to add relevant info!		

- Resources to Build Community + Well-Being -

AAPI Resources	BLM Resources	Change Resources
Crisis Hotlines	HHS Support Services	HHS Climate Action Plan

- School Counseling Meeting Links -

Tom Eberhardt	Laurie Harrington	Wendy Kares	Elizabeth Keene
Chris Seibel	Kyle Storey	Devon Voake	Sara Wilmot