Agenda + Minutes 11.9.22

Hanover High Council *[Meeting #39]*

— “Well, the first quality of being a good leader is you have to be able to follow. See, a good leader can’t just be the leader all the time, I have to be able to follow.” -- Lisa Leslie

- Bring a Motion to Council - ANYONE Can! -



The Bitesize Council Minutes 🍪

1) Athletic Advisory Elections
    a) Patrick Elder and Stella Galanes are the new Council Reps on the committee!

2) Squirtfest Opposition Motion - 2022-2023 DEBATE CONTINUES
    a) Attempt to Postpone Motion - FAILS
    b) Attempt to change the motion to just expressing council's opposition to the use of water guns in the game - FAILS

    c) Debate on the Motion continues as many continue to argue that Assassin is a dangerous game and should change while others claim it is completely up to the senior class to do what they feel is right



Agenda [11.9.22]

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
3. Athletic Advisory Committee Elections (Nominees)
4. Examining Equity Committee Elections (Nominees)
5. Squirtfest Opposition Motion - 2022-2023
6. Summative/Formative Notification Handbook Revision - 2022-2023
7. Notes and New Business

Minutes [11.9.22]

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Reports
   - **Moderator *[Riley McGuire ('23)]*:**
     - Met with Administration to discuss JComm PR and process and about how to make Council more connected to the school
       - One idea was sharing the agenda on the announcements on Wednesday mornings
   - ***Assistant Moderator [Sora Shirai ('23)]:* No Report**
   - **Treasurer *[Kavi Patel ('24)]*:**
     - Council Fund: $3,705.54
     - Co-Curricular Fund: $4,958.04
     - There are 4 allocations pending
   - **Dresden School Board Representative [Vidushi Sharma ('23)]: No Report**
   - **Public Relations Officer [Shayna Rockmore ('24)]: No Report**
   - **Committee on Programming and Procedure Representative *[Mia Bagnato ('24)]:***
     - Met on 11.7
     - Discussed a new Art History English Course
     - Passed the Data Science Math Course
   - ***Administrative Committee [Theo Cook ('25)]:***
     - Met on 11.7
     - Finished and submitted the Religious Holidays Accomidation motion
   - **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
     - Email sophiewise@hanovernorwichschools.org if you are interested
   - ***Student Life Committee [Locky McCann ('23)]***

    - Did not meet because of Veteran's Day
    - Sanborn emailed back so we will be looking into the specifics of our visit
- **Curriculum Committee [Gus Thompson ('25)]:**
    - Met on 11.7
    - Had a question session on the pop quiz motion with the creator
- **Staff Meeting Report *[Linda Danilek (staff) and Beth Ryan (staff)]*:**
    - Had a district wide K-12 Curriculum meeting

Point of Information

- Who should people email if they want to run for the Micro Grant committee?
    - sophiewise@hanovernorwichschools.org
- **Secretary *[Anna Healey ('24)]*:**
    - Freshman, Junior and Senior alternates may vote

3. Athletic Advisory Committee Elections

Stella Galanes and Patrick Elder are the new Athleitc Advisory Committee Council reps!

4. Examining Equity Committee Nominations - Elections

Examining Equity Committee Elections were postponed due to candidate absences.

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

- Discussion Cont. from last week (New Speaker's List)
    - Laying a motion on the table and postponing a motion are very different
        - Tabling a motion is the delay of discussion of a motion and is typically used when there is another matter that critically needs to be discussed and the motion would then be brought back
        - Postponing a motion is used when the body wants to decide that a motion should be discussed at a later time because the body would like to discuss a different motion. Motions that are postponed are scheduled to be brought back at a certain meeting.
- I move to postpone the **Squirtfest Opposition Motion** to the first Council meeting of 2023. - Brought by Shayna Rockmore ('24)
    - Seconded by Kavi Patel ('24)
    - Authorship Speech:
        - Though this motion has a lot of value and needs to be discussed, there are a lot of motions in line to be brought that will cause actual change in our community

- Motions such as the Pop Quiz motion and the Religious Holidays motion have been waiting
- Because Assassin does not start until May, we should postpone this motion to discuss other motions that students are currently passionate about

- Debate:
  - Each year this game results in injuries

Point of Relevance

- We are currently discussing the postponement of the motion, not the motion itself.
  - Postponing the motion would be a misstep as passing this motion would promote safety at our school
    - We should use our time now to spark discussion in the senior class and throughout the school

Attempt to Close Debate Fails

- Though this motion will spark debate we have other motions that will improve our school and spark even more discussion
  - We should not drag out this motion as doing so will not accomplish anything
- Between now and Feburary 1st there are many more opportunities for the Pop Quiz motion and the Religious Holiday Accomodations motions to take effect
  - A discussion about something that doesn't happen to May is unnecessary right now
- Council should pass this motion and then allow for the senior class to discuss the motion the rest of the year
  - We don't want this motion to be postponed as it would then allow the senior class to claim that they do not have time to change their plans for assassin
- In 2018, the school board passed a resolution highlighting the great number of students that have experienced school shootings personally
  - Our school board cares greatly about gun violence and school safety
  - New Hampshire legislators made the rule that conceeled weapons are allowed on school property

        - Though school administration would be able to respond and remove the weapon, there is no rule at our school banning firearms
    - These rules highlight the disconnect between national themes and NH rules and practices
    - It is important for Council to take a position 5 months in advance so that the senior class doesn't have the time to claim that they have already planned the game
- It is important to recognize that this is a conversation for the senior class to have given that the school has already expressed their disapproval of the game
    - Council's discussion will not have a large impact compared to the desires of the class
- This is not a discussion that the senior class has had yet so we do not have their input yet
    - A reaction time of 3 months or 5 months would most likely not make a difference in the senior classes' eyes
- By postponing this motion it provides the senior class with the opportunity to discuss this motion

Point of Information

- Can we please pull up the original motion?
    - Yes

- We shouldn't postpone this motion because our opinions most likely will not change in the 3 months
- This is not a just a discussion for the seniors to have
    - This is such a huge Hanover tradition that everyone deserves to have their voices heard on the manner
- The senior class is only starting to think about how this game will run right now
    - Postponing the motion will make it too late for the students to change their plans

Point of Inquiry

- Has the senior class begun to plan this year's Assassin?
    - No

- By postponing the motion it allows for other classes, not just the senior class time to discuss this motion

- The senior class is not going to change their mind based on this Council motion as the school does not seem to care much about what the Council has to say
- [Speaker] brought the motion to Council because they strongly believe that Council is the decision making body of the school
    - [Speaker] wants to ensure that there is time for the class to plan an alternative activity

Point of Inquiry

- Is Assassin played exclusively with water guns or can other forms of water be used?
    - Any form of water may be used

- We don't postpone other motions to hear student thoughts, why should we postpone this one?
    - We do not need to postpone this motion for three months to allow for student opinion to form
- It is very important to pass this motion before the senior class has started the planning process
    - This motion is much more powerful now than it will be after they begin planning
- Regardless of what this Senior class decides to do with the moition, later senior classes could decided to bring Assassin back
    - Allowing time for classes to discuss this motion before passing is very important
- The best way to spark discussion is through passing this motion as it allows the senior class and other classes to discuss the results
- Precedent has a huge power here
    - Maraudar Slaughter used to be a commonly heard phrase but now as classes have stopped using the cheer, it has begun to disappear
    - If we work to change the minds of the current senior class we will most likely also change the minds of classes to come
- [Speaker] would like to bring a motion to ban only the use of water guns in the game so encourages the body to close debate on this postponement

Debate on Postponement Closes
Postponement Fails

- The planning and group experience of the game is very important but because of the danger of the game it should be stopped
    - Changing the game would be a great idea
- I move to replace the wording “the continuation of” with the “use of water guns in” leaving the motion to read: **I move that the Hanover High School Council strongly oppose the use of water guns in the game Squirtfest/Assassin.** - Brought by Kavi Patel (‘24)
    - Seconded by: Shayna Rockmore
    - Authorship Speech:
        - Because this is a tradition that does bring positive community building and teamwork to the class, we should continue the playing of the game.
        - Because of gun related concerns, Council should encourage the ban of guns in the game.

Point of Information

- It is important to make sure that any amendmants match the intent of the given motion
- [Speaker] read the original motion’s intent as being to stop the game but this amendment is offering a solution to the danger of the game
        - [Speaker] thought that the original motions intent was to spark discussion of the game in our school which matches the intent of this amendment
            - If a member has a concern about the relevance of the amendment [speaker] encourages them to share their thoughts
        - If the concern of the game is the use of guns, this amendment would solve that problem. If the concern of the game is safety, this amendment would solve that problem
            - We should not expect the senior class to act on this motion if passed
        - This amendment seems to be straying away from the intent of the original motion as the original motion was very black-and-white
            - [Speaker] opposes amendment but would entertain it as a separate motion
            - This amendment does not solve the safety issue of the game
        - This amendment is noble as it would reach a compromise but it is an incomplete solution that doesn’t address safety concerns

        - Water guns are such a crucial part of the game that an opposition to the use of them would most likely be ignored or not followed
        - We should ethier embrace Assassin or stop the game entirely
    - The appearance of holding a water gun versus holding a water bottle is not very different if you are running in the street at night
        - There have been many instances of police violence in cases were people were not holding something remotely close to a gun
        - This amendment does not fix the concerns of the game that the original motion was working to fix
    - We should fail this amendment and encourage the class to change their game through a motion that would allow for more open discussion and class-chosen changes
    - This is just Council's opinion
        - The game should take place in a safer place over a shorter period of time but our opinion does not have any weight
        - Council only has the authority to tell the class our opinion
        - This game goes against so many of our school values such as equity and gun violence and Counci should share these thoughts with the class through passing this motion
        - We should not amend this motion because in the end it doesn't matter, it is up to the class
        - We should ethier say that we do like the game or that we do not like the game
    - It is far more important for us to spread discussion than to discuss specifics of the game

Debate on Amendment Closes
Amendment Fails

Meeting Adjourns

- Past Council Agenda + Minutes -	
Agenda + Minutes of 2.2.22	Agenda + Minutes of 1.26.22
Agenda + Minutes of 1.12.22	Agenda + Minutes of 1.5.22
Agenda + Minutes of 12.15.21	Agenda + Minutes of 12.8.21
Agenda + Minutes of 12.1.21	Agenda + Minutes of 11.17.21
Agenda + Minutes of 11.10.21	Agenda + Minutes of 11.3.21
Agenda + Minutes of 10.27.21	Agenda + Minutes of 10.20.21
Agenda + Minutes of 10.6.21	Agenda + Minutes of 9.29.21
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Agenda + Minutes of 9.8.21	Agenda + Minutes of 9.1.21

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

- HHS Clubs + Organizations -		
Clubs + Organizations	**Links**	**Meeting Time**
The Broadside	Instagram / Website	Library on Thursday (Activity)
DECA	Instagram / Website	Room 118 on Thursday (Activity)
Environmental Club	Instagram	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