Agenda 10.26.22 / Minutes 10.5.22

Hanover High Council *[Meeting #37]*

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“I raise my voice—not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back.” — Malala Yousafzai

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The Bitesize Council Minutes 🍪

1. Aerospace & Aviation Club Allocation - 2022-2023 PASSES
    a. Provides club with $500 to purchase a top of the line drone to be used for both school and club purposes
2. Dachords A Cappella Allocation -2022-2023 UNAMINOUSLY PASSES
    a. Provides Dachords with $300 to fund their participation in The Varsity Vocals International Championship of High School A Cappella (ICHSA)



Agenda [10.26.22]

1. **Approval of Minutes**
2. **Reports**
3. **Community Representative Vote**
4. **Scheduling Committee Elections**
5. **Athletic Advisory Committee Nominations**
6. **Examining Equity Committee Nominations**
7. **Accountability Revision Motion**
8. **Notes and New Business**

Minutes [10.5.22]

1. **Approval of Minutes**

2. **Reports**
   - **Administration, Assistant Moderator, and Moderator Meeting *[Sora Shirai ('23)]*:**
     - Mod and aMod met with Admin to discuss high holidays and clarifying homework free weekends
   - **Treasurer *[Kavi Patel ('24)]*:**
     - Council Fund: $3,705.54
     - Co-Curricular Fund: $5,758.04
   - **Dresden School Board Representative *[Vidushi Sharma ('23)]*:**
     - *DSB: the next DSB meeting is on Tuesday, October 25th at 7pm in the HHS library*
   - **Curriculum Committee [Gus Thompson ('25)]**
     - Curric continued to talk about the sign up for classes process
   - ***Student Activities Committee [Theo Burdick ('24)]*:**
     - debriefed about report to CPP
   - **Organizational and Engineering Committee [Sophie Wise ('24)]**
     - Worked on senior, new and tuition, and staff elections
   - **Secretary *[Anna Healey ('24)]*:**
     - Junior alternate may vote

3. **Scheduling Committee Elections**
(postponed due to candidate absence)

4. Aerospace and Aviation Club Allocation - 2022-2023 [brought by Kavi Patel ('24) on behalf of the Aerospace and Aviation Club]

- I move to allocate $500 from the Co-Curricular fund to the Aerospace and Aviation Club for the purpose of purchasing a Mavic Pro drone and to help with fundraising expenses.
    - Seconded by Locky McCann (‘23)
- Authorship Speech
    - Requested money will be used to help purchase two DJI Mini Pro drones (each drone package costs approximately $909.00)
    - The drones will be used to teach students about drone safety, regulations, operations, and to eventually pass the NIST sUAS Safety Course.
    - Drones will be used on missions in support of scientific endeavors and Hanover High School needs.
    - Part of the allocated money will be used with fundraising expenses
- Question Session
    - What are the scientific endeavors that you mentioned in the authorship speech?
        - Research on various things such as weather
        - The Ray school is using theirs to aerial map areas around Mink Brook
    - How many club members are there?
        - Around 15 or 20
    - What is the estimated longevity of this drone? Are there any other maintenance costs?
        - Council will not be expected to pay for maintenance
    - What research do you plan to complete?
        - That is up to the club leaders and advisors
    - What fundraising ideas do you have to support yourselves?
        - Club hasn’t really thought about it yet
    - Who are the advisors of this club?
        - Mr. Hilali is the advisor and Owen Welch and Michael Chang are the student leaders
    - How consistent is your membership?
        - Many more than 15 people are signed up and about 15 come to meetings consistently
    - Did your club look into cheaper drones?
        - Student leader was not the one to look into the drone model
    - What are some functions of the drone?
        - Can be used for aerial mapping and for taking pictures of our school

        - The drone has very premium cameras and is used by many TV programs and also is smart enough to navigate. For example it knows how to move out of the way to avoid hitting a tree
- Debate
    - Having some experience with this drone, the [speaker] knows how high its value is
        - Speaker gets a sense that the club will use the drone wisely
        - Is happy that the club hasn't requested the entire cost of the drone but is instead fundraising for half which suggests commitment
    - Would like to see more research go into other available drones that are cheaper even if they may not be of as good quality because $500 is a lot of money
    - At first [speaker] was hesitant of the large request for money but now it is clear that the club is willing to put in the work by all showing up to the meeting and because they are willing to fundraise
        - [speaker] also knows many of the club members personally and knows that they will put the drone to great use
    - Is doesn't seem like the club has a clear plan of how they are going to raise the rest of the money
        - Also unsure of the research that went into choosing this top of the line drone
    - Council has already spent a lot of money this year and again this is another motion requesting a large amount of money
        - Motion seems to be making large claims about drones use and fundraising so [speaker] would like to see a more detailed plan
    - This motion is comparable to other motions we have passed as the drone seems to be essential for the club
    - This club seems different than the clubs that Council usually supports
        - This club seems like it will be able to grow with the purchase of the drone
    - The goal of the requested money is to purchase the Maverick pro drone but if the club can't raise enough money they will look for alternatives
        - This drone is a newer version of the one the [speaker] has and the [speaker] has not had any maintenance issues

Attempt to Close Debate Fails

- Knowing the club advisory [speaker] knows that this drone was very well researched
    - The club advisor became a licensed drone operator to start this club and the advisor is also looking into grants for other projects

        - This drone is clearly essential for the clubs work
    - It is really cool that the drone will also be used for other scientific endeavors at the high school
        - As a person experienced with drones, $500 does not seem like a lot to request for the club to get a high quality drone that will work
    - [speaker] appreciated the club's compromise of lowering the cost but is concerned because the club seems a little unprepared
        - [speaker] is worried that the fundraising goal may not be met resulting in the club purchasing a low quality drone with just Council's money
    - It is early in the school year so it makes sense that fundraising has not occurred yet
        - Fundraising is pretty easy so trusts that the club can get it done
    - [speaker] thinks that we should consider allocating Council's money after the fundraising is complete
    - Important to recognize that this club is new but it is clear that the members are passionate council should consider bringing an amendment to the motion, lowering the requested value
        - It is important that the club walks away with something so that they can start their fundraising efforts
    - Does all club property belong to the high school? There are probably many ways that the school can use this drone
        - The club will most likely keep the drone in the science wing but that is something that the club needs to discuss with teachers and department heads
- I move to amend the allocation to read "$400" instead of "$500"
    - Seconded by Patrick Elder

- Authorship Speech
    - $500 seems like a lot of money so $400 may be a better request
- Debate
    - How much money is left in the Council funds?, What are you saving the money for?, Do you know what other groups are coming?
        - This allocation is requesting about %8.6 of the Co-Curricular Fund
        - There seems to be a decline in clubs requesting money
        - Anything over %5 of the Council fund raises a red flag for the Treasurer
        - Treasurer is double checking to make sure that there is not money lost in funds

    - There doesn't seem to be a difference between $400 and $500 dollars
        - Originally not in favor of allocation but there seems to be a lot of research put in
        - It doesn't seem good to compare the costs of one club to another because the needs of different clubs are different
        - The amendment seems unnecessary
    - The change between $400 and $500 seems arbitratray
        - Urges next speaker to close debate on the amendment

Debate Closes
Amendment Fails

- Debate
    - This is the exact thing that Council is supposed to be spending money on
        - The Co-Curricular Fund was made for clube expenses like this drone

Debate Closes
Motion Passes **(Roll Call Vote - Over $500)**

5. Dachords Acapella Allocation - 2022-2023 [brought by Kavi Patel ('24) on behalf of Dachords]

- I entertain a motion to allocate $300 from the Co-Curricular fund to Dachords A Cappella for the purpose of competition fees.
    - Kavi Patel so moved
    - Seconded by Mia Bagnato
- Authorship Speech
    - Dachords is the only co-ed a cappella group at Hanover High School and currently consists of 16 members.
    - We are requesting $300 to pay for the application fee necessary to apply for and compete in The Varsity Vocals International Championship of High School A Cappella (ICHSA).
    - It has been a tradition for Dachords to apply for the ICHSA competitions every year and if accepted, we would be able to participate in the in-person Quarterfinal competition.
    - The ICHSA competition is one of the most important events where we get to showcase our a cappella and compete so we would really appreciate the support.
- Question Session
    - Has Dachords done any fundraising yet?
        - Dachords plans to fundraise if they move onto the Quarter Final Event so they most likely would not request funds from Council again

        - Is there a deadline to apply for this competition?
            - Applications are due next Saturday
- Debate
    - As a member of Highlights, ICHSA is a very important competition to expand outside the high school and would be a very valuable opportunity
    - The group is not requesting a lot of money but they will still gain a wonderful experience!

Debate Closes
Motion Passes Unanimously **(Hand Count Vote - under $500)**

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
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- 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