

Agenda 3.2.22 / Minutes 2.23.22

Hanover High Council [Meeting #21]

*“We have too many high-sounding words,
and too few actions that correspond with them.”*

-- Abigail Adams [Former First Lady of the United States] --

- Bring a Motion to Council - ANYONE Can! -



The Bitesize Council Agenda + Minutes 🍪

1. **Full-Length Agenda + Minutes starting on page 3**
2. Agenda - 3.2.22
 - a. 📖 New Mascot Name Adoption - 2021-2022
 - b. 📖 Cell Phone Policy Handbook Revision - 2021-2022
 - i. Clarifies when cell phone policy is in effect (start of class)
 - c. 📖 Microgrant Bylaw Revision - 2021-2022
 - i. Creates a streamlined way for students to seek funding (up to \$500) for community-focused projects ...
 1. Without having to be a senior (Senior Bridges)
 2. Without having to sacrifice in-school time (Ind. Study)
3. Minutes - 2.23.22
 - a. Both allocations PASS
 - b. 📖 Microgrant Bylaw Revision ... Still in debate
 - i. Widespread support for this motion and its ideals
 - ii. Current proposed makeup of the Microgrant Advisement Comm. is restricted to Council committee members (although anybody can join a Council committee)
 1. Many people advocated that the Advisement Committee should be open to all HHS students and staff members



Fun Fact #55: 12% of people dream entirely in black and white.



Agenda [3.2.22]

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
3. 📖 New Mascot Name Adoption - 2021-2022
4. 📖 Cell Phone Policy Handbook Revision - 2021-2022
5. 📖 Microgrant Bylaw Revision - 2021-2022
6. Notes and New Business

Minutes [2.23.22]

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Reports

- **Moderator [*Pierce Seigne*]:**
 - Hope you had a good vacation!
 - Spent a day in the HHS Hot Room with Miki Hertog-Raz (co-editor of the *Broadside*) to look through old records
 - Want to incorporate history into weekly reports
 - 17 yrs + 2 wks ago, **SAC** presented the Student Activities Interim (which would later become 'March Intensive') to **CPP**
- **Assistant Moderator [*Zane Schiffman*] - No Report**
- **Mod, A Mod, and HHS Administration Meeting [*Pierce Seigne*]:**
 - Discussed the new Social Studies Cellphone Policy, as well as the dynamics between staff, students, and the Administration
- **Treasurer [*Riley McGuire*]:**
 - Council Fund: \$4,629.11 + Co-Curricular Fund: \$9,760.04
 - Does not include 📖 Volleyball Club Allocation - 2021-2022
- **Dresden School Board Rep. [*Josh Stearns (Kate McCaull was absent)*]:**
 - Presentation by RMS students about a middle school athletics program
 - Mr. Murphy presented his book about HHS (\$12 purchase price)
 - Will throw a party to celebrate HHS' history at the end of school
 - Ms. Stevenson was hired as the Principal of HHS
- **Public Relations Person [*Lily Versteeg*]:**
 - Please vote for the mascot! Tell your friends!
- **Committee on Programming and Procedure Rep. [*Sora Shirai*] - No Report**
- **Administrative Committee [*Vidushi Sharma*]:**
 - MLK Day is scheduled for this Friday (2.25.22)
 - Met before break to iron out final details for MLK Day
- **Curriculum Committee [*Alex Rockmore*] - No Report**
- **Organizational Engineering Committee [*Anna Healey*] - No Report**

- Student Activities Committee [*Theo Burdick*] - No Report
- Student Life Committee [*Kavi Patel*] - No Report
- Scheduling Committee [*Shayna Rockmore*] - No Report
- Council's 50th Anniv. Ad Hoc Committee [*Pierce Seigne + Vidushi Sharma*]:
 - Every other Saturday, we will go to the Hot Room to find old documents
 - The *Broadside* is planning on doing a special edition to commemorate the 50th Anniv. of Council
 - Please contact *Vidushi Sharma* if you want to write an article!
- Dresden School Board Athletics Subcommittee [*Zane Schiffman*]:
 - Meeting next week was cancelled
- Historical Records Committee [*Patrick Elder*] - No Report
- New Mascot Selection and Implementation Committee [*Kavi Patel*]:
 - Please vote ... voting will close tomorrow (2.24.22) at Lunch!
 - We are at 76% of all possible respondents!
- Secretary [*Saia Patel*]:
 -  Council Recording Disclaimer | Soph. + Senior Alts. may vote
 - Use **this form** for attendance instead of emailing!
 - Kavi Patel ('24) helped create the **Handbook** (Google Docs version) and also formatted the "By the Numbers" section of **Roll Call + Attendance**
 - New, more accessible motion templates (**Allocations** + **Bylaw Revisions** + **Handbook Revisions** + **General Motions**)
- Staff Report from Staff Meeting [*Ms. Streeter*]:
 - Motion was brought regarding a Retro Day (no technology for anyone in the building for the entire day) and passed
 - Committee will be formed (seeking student input ... speak to *William Murphy*)

3. Allocation - Name Election Platform [*Kavi Patel ('24)* | *New Mascot Selection and Implementation Comm.*]

- Intent Statement
 - We move to allocate \$80 from the Council budget in order to pay for the OpaVote platform for facilitating the Name Competition.
 - Seconded by Theo Burdick ('24)
- Authorship Speech ... (*Click on motion*)
- Debate ... No topics of debate | Debate Closes
- Motion PASSES (*Viva Voce* voting)

4. Allocation - Design Election Platform[Kavi Patel ('24) | New Mascot Selection and Implementation Comm.]

- Intent Statement
 - We move to allocate \$80 from the Council budget in order to pay for the OpaVote platform for facilitating the Design Competition.
 - Seconded by Josh Stearns ('24)
- Authorship Speech ... (*Click on motion*)
- Question Session
 - Will this reimburse Mr. Hirschhorn (Staff) for future payments?
 - Yes ... we will not have to pay for this for a couple of weeks, as per the mascot process calendar
 - However, this is guaranteed to happen because of the process
 - Decided to bundle both allocations together during one meeting so we do not have to present another allocation in a couple of weeks
 - Is this money coming from the Council fund?
 - Yes, it is!
- Debate ... No topics of debate | Debate Closes
- Motion PASSES UNANIMOUSLY (*Viva Voce* voting)

5. Microgrant Bylaw Revision[Kavi Patel ('24)]

- Intent Statement
 - I move to make changes to the Council **Bylaws** to incorporate the process of microgrants (click on motion for full details)
 - Seconded by Sam Loescher ('24)
- Authorship Speech (*extremely abbreviated ... click on motion for full details*)
 - Provides students with the ability to seek funding (up to \$500) for any community-oriented project that they would want to pursue
- Question Session
 - With a member of the Dresden School Board present, does the School Board have more money in the budget in order to support this program if it proves successful, or to increase the money within the Council budget in order to make this program have longevity?
 - Current budget is set (for the upcoming school year ... no)
 - For future years, it is definitely something that we should discuss
 - Can work with Lisa Christie to present it to the budget committee
 - The budget meetings start in September for the following year
 - Send a representative to a budget committee meeting!
 - Why do you feel like this falls within Council's duties?

- The idea is to support students throughout this process ... it logically makes sense for this to fall under Council's purview
- There should be a dedicated Council committee that works with students
 - Students who apply and students who sit on the committee will gain valuable grant-writing experience
- Allows students not involved in Council to automatically become part of the process by presenting their project at a Council mtg
- As of right now, where would the money that would be in the microgrant funds come from?
 - It would come from the Co-Curricular fund
 - Spoke to Ms. Hess, and it would only be allocated \$2000 to \$3000
 - Would be in a separate dedicated account
 - Club funding will not be affected by this
 - It uses the money that is already in the Co-Curricular budget to provide a streamlined way for students to access it without having to bring an allocation
- You mentioned ELOs, Independent Studies, and Senior Bridges ... would you be open to those students accessing microgrants if they are already part of those opportunities?
 - Definitely ... If they want to take their project a step further (through a local, community service lens), they can apply!
- Would the timeline for when this is implemented depend on Council's support for this program?
 - It would most likely start at the beginning of the next school year
 - Could be implemented at the start of fourth quarter
 - Not really a viable option because most projects would take longer than one quarter term
- Do you have an example of the kind of project that you envision someone using this funding for?
 - A student actually approached me asking if this was an option
 - They were interested in starting a sports clinic
 - They would use microgrants to fund some coaches/athletes from local communities
 - The student would organize everything, and advertise / open it up to the community (for RMS or MCS kids)
 - If a student needs to fundraise for a cause and needs to put a downpayment on a venue, they could also seek a microgrant
- Why did you decide to limit this only to student applicants?
 - It is hard for students to access funding for self-directed projects

- Learning to be your own advocate is an important life skill
- Adults are more equipped to apply for grants / more opportunities for them to do so
- Additionally, students would only be requesting smaller allocations ... would not go to the Byrne Foundation for \$50
- Would the money for Independent Studies and Senior Bridges only be available if there is a community aspect?
 - Yes, it would have to be a community-focused project
 - Program targets students who want to improve the community
- How did you decide on the 15-day window for committee approval?
 - That is three school weeks
 - Plenty of time for the committee to organize a time to meet
 - Given the events that may be happening (vacation, midterms, etc.), the committee should have enough time to view and process the application before approval
 - If they did not manage to decide within 15 days ...
 - Would go straight to Administration for final approval
 - However, that is an internal committee issue (totally up to the committee for how they would like to proceed)
 - The committee is obligated to explain why the application was not approved
- Could you clarify the makeup of the voting members?
 - 2 **Student Life Comm.** members, 1 **Student Activities Comm.** member, the **Treasurer**, and 1 **Executive Comm.** member
 - If there are no members, the chairs of the **Student Life** and **Student Activities** Committees should volunteer
- Keeping with the spirit of the motion, why not bring other voting members who are not part of Council into the committee?
 - As of now, there is no dedicated position for non-Council members to join
 - Would recommend that interested non-Council member students should join a Council comm. (either **Student Life** or **Student Activities**) so that they could be part of the committee
 - This way, they will be involved in Council, as well as the Microgrant Advisement Committee
- Is there a direct way for the microgrant applicant to present their idea in-person to the committee, instead of just submitting the application?
 - In the **application draft**, they can request to present in-person!
 - That is also more of an internal committee decision (how they decide to go through the approval process)

- Is there a set list of criteria that the committee could cite to approve or reject an application?
 - For the first few weeks of next year, they would iron out specific details, and would determine and publish the criteria (that would receive approval from Council) on the Council website
 - Must be community-focused
- Why are **Student Life Committee** members involved?
 - One of the committee's responsibilities is to "provide the best possible environment for students at Hanover High School"
 - Microgrants are involved in the HHS environment, which also extends beyond the classroom and school
- Debate
 - Strongly support this motion
 - Gives students the opportunity to receive money + resources for projects that they want to pursue
 - Support the idea of this motion, but disagree with the integration of a committee within Council
 - Do not see a clear connection ... How is Council involved in this?
 - It seems separate from Council's responsibilities
 - Do not see how people applying are encouraged to get involved in Council's affairs and operations
 - Not incentivized to join a committee or come to Council
 - A better person to run this operation would be Matt Prince (organizes March Intensive and Independent Study)
 - Has a lot of experience in this department
 - Support the idea of this motion
 - Had the opportunity to serve on a microgrant committee in high school, which was extremely beneficial
 - However, it does not encourage non-Council members to participate in Council
 - Mirrors **J-COMM**, but would like to see voting member positions for non-Council member students
 - Can you bring a new project to Youth in Action? What is the process? It seems like there is some overlap.
 - Relatively flexible ... students can propose personal projects
 - Fully support this motion
 - However, this committee should be open to all of HHS to join
 - Emphasis of the motion is to bring community together

- Past Council Agenda + Minutes -	
<u>Agenda + Minutes of 2.23.22</u>	<u>Agenda + Minutes of 2.9.22</u>
<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>

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

<u>- Resources to Build Community + Well-Being -</u>		
<u>AAPL Resources</u>	<u>BLM Resources</u>	<u>Change Resources</u>
<u>Crisis Hotlines</u>	<u>HHS Support Services</u>	<u>HHS Climate Action Plan</u>

<u>- School Counseling Meeting Links -</u>			
<u>Tom Eberhardt</u>	<u>Laurie Harrington</u>	<u>Wendy Kares</u>	<u>Elizabeth Keene</u>
<u>Chris Seibel</u>	<u>Kyle Storey</u>	<u>Devon Voake</u>	<u>Sara Wilmot</u>