## VJH

### **MINUTES**

# **Building Council**

Date: November 1, 2018

**Roles:** 

Facilitator: Minutes:

Brian Gee Sue Ibrisimovic

**Time Keeper:** Nikki Ryan

Members: Maureen Bolger, Carol Prescott, Kristina Buschang, Darcy Ross, Nikki Ryan, Sue

Ibrisimovic, Sharon Hodownes, Melissa VanRensselaer, Melissa Novak,

Brian Gee, & Necia Marchetti Guest: Liz Knapp

		Minutes				
#	Topic/Subject					
Opening						
1	Welcome	Brian Gee				
2	Approve minutes of October 2018	Minutes approved by Sharon Hodownes Minutes seconded by Melissa VanRensselaer				
3	Review Agenda	Brian reviews the agenda for the day				

### **Guest Presentation**

Guest from music, Liz Knapp. She will share an opportunity for students.

- Guest Artist Society for Chamber music in Rochester most are from the RPO
- Friday April 5th E day
- Working with string department
- JH have a workshop around 3rd period?
- Chamber music what it means what it looks like
- Some students playing with them.
- Sheet with the students participants was handed out to council.

Brian - we try to get a guest musician once every year or two. Bring to council to ask questions and get feedback.

Motion to approve - Carol Motion to second - Melissa Novak

### **Old Business**

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Review of the updated VJH Parent Compact (from last month) - For students with Title I support

- Template stays the same
- Change language

Necia -

Language around HW

Parent guardian and student responsible

Student responsibilities - do assignments and ask for help when needed - wondering if based on conversations around - if that is more of people wanting to see the attempt and how the student feels about that.

Attempts a better word? For a student that does not have the skills or home support an attempt is important for the student's responsibilities.

Parents supporting with homework - parents are not always available and if students are trying it struggling.

Best of my ability - Maureen

Hard because some kids would be minimalists - Melissa

Brian - are we making any suggestions for language change or keep things as they are.

Carol - like that they say ask for help when needed.

Nikki - good for entire building, but the kids we are talking about, we take into account their needs and abilities

Carol - who gets this and when?

Brian - in district website under policies. Not mailed home.

Brian - All in favor of keeping as it is.

All yes

Part of the compact for communications:

Some teachers may want to come in regarding how we are reporting. Possible make some changes. New tools in AIS., may want to communicate a little more efficiently for parents. Talk at next meeting.

# New Business 5 Review VJH Master Schedule Study Group- 2015-2017 Part of our budget process (required each budget season). Part of our budget process Decision making groups understand budget process. First page is the JH process. 2019-2020 budget. July 1 to June 30

Budget building starts in October for the next year.

Share the projections

Meeting with dept leaders

Work with departments on needs, Equipment requests,

Zero based budget in the past. Tell me what you need and we build from there.

This year, may do a roll over. Budget maker can come back and ask for more October - November time frame

December - submit final request for money.

May not all make it in for the year.

Meet with Individual budget makers if there is something unique.

Early Jan. - Brian submits budget

Late spring. - If there was not money used and put it in a general fund, and allocate it elsewhere to meet needs of the building.

If building doesn't spend, the district takes it back to use.

Try not to over budget in one area as it is not always easy to move. For example Equipment

Projected supply - usually adjusts up or stays the same.

313 current kids in 6th grade. Less students next year.

Building budget is per pupil extra - how initial allotment is made.

Cushion to help since budget is made so early.

Conference money comes from different places Some from district, others from building Teacher center will build in money too.

Last page
Organizational sheet
Left column - budget line
Savings account is the general fund

Why difference in departments budget over a few years. Spending audit.

What was given compared to what was spent.

Music - contractual spending covers piano tuning, services, instruments, sheet music

Brian explained many of the budget amounts on why they went up or down over the last few years.

General fund is created after the other areas have been budgeted.

Admin - no money put in the supervisor. Brian did a roll over the 1st year, the increase was for things

- plane tickets, hotel for the year that the JH was leading the schools to watch meeting in DC.
- Book studies

### Closing

6	Review Assigned Tasks	Minute Taker	2 min	NONE			
7	Set Agenda & Rolls For Next Mtg.	Facilitator	2 min	SAME			
8	Parking Lot Attendant	Facilitator	2 min	Communication with parents re: clubs Practices for cleaning tables in the cafeteria. (food allergies) (bring in school physician) -			
9	Round Table	All	4 min	Sharon How are we doing with increasing the mastery.  • We are at about 85-86 % proficient. Not to the 100% we want.			

<ul> <li>In some areas we did better than last year and some areas we remained flat, marginal differences. Not huge shifts.</li> <li>Mastery rate for the algebra students and Earth Science students have gone up the last few years.</li> <li>Sharon:         Communication - So many different ways for people to communicate.         Clubs - parents were not aware what the clubs were until open house. Would like the communication at or before the students.     </li> <li>Maybe an earlier newsletter next year.</li> <li>Maureen - most clubs are ongoing, kids can sign up at anytime.</li> <li>Do we want to spend time talking about this at another meeting.</li> <li>Brian - add to topic for next month.</li> </ul>
Necia - Loves the online SS books. Thankful for the books for other options other than carrying the books back and forth.
Maureen - School Garden has been put to sleep
Kristina - Can we put something out for communication when we have an emergency like we did this morning.

Future Meeting Dates: December 6, 2018