

# VJH

## MINUTES

### Building Council

Date: June 6, 2019

**Roles:**

**Facilitator:**  
Brian Gee

**Minutes:** 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

		Minutes
#	Topic/Subject	
<b>Opening</b>		
1	Welcome	Brian Gee
2	Approve minutes of May 2019	Motion to approve: tabled to next meeting Approval seconded:
3	Review Agenda	
<b>Guest Presentation</b>		
<b>Old Business</b>		

4	District website help/tutorials			
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**New Business**

5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Look at data from Student Survey</li> <li>● Students were sent email with questionnaire</li> <li>● Data is skewed because it is the go getters that take the survey</li>   <li>● Pause before you post</li> <li>● Echos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many not a good use of time (34)</li> <li>○ Creative writing beginning of the year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Merry go Round theater will create a show.</li> <li>■ Creative writing piece was valuable</li> <li>■ What was picked out was not as valuable for Junior High</li> <li>■ Frustration from kids that 2 students from Victor, but other schools had more students shown.</li> <li>■ About 15 or 16 VJH students honorable mentions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Holocaust</li> <li>● Science Exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50 did not attend, but would have liked to</li> </ul> </li> <li>● E3 Engineering &amp; Tech Fair at RIT new this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Small sample set. Sent to check it out to see if this is something we would like to do in the future.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● National History Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Darcy shared that English teachers were frustrated organization was unorganization.</li> <li>○ We are one of the only schools that send students. Darlene look into hosting in the future.</li> <li>○ One VJH student going to National level mid June.</li> <li>○ Count Basie (Band)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Visiting Artists in Orchestra</li> <li>● Darien Lake Orchestra and chorus.</li> <li>● Halloween Night</li> </ul>
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- Swim Night
- Echoes Writing Workshop
  - Would not recommend - Darcy - maybe students felt underrepresented so maybe that is why would not recommend
- Trends - themes
  - Anything that clearly says we should do this again
    - Science Exploration
    - Boces
    - Communicating possibilities to the kids
    - Pause before you post and Holocaust
    - Empathy - meeting a Holocaust Survivor
    - Kids wanting to try something new and wanting to be engaged - inspiring, motivational, passionate
    - Fun times with friends at school -
      - More positive constructive experiences, maybe they can sit during an assembly
      - What if one of student councils activity night is an intermental activity night.
      - Can look at a building council or PTSA run additional activity nights for more options.
  - Is there anything Brian or Dave should hold off before spending money
    - Alternate years with Pause before you Post and the guitar guy
    - Creative writing is important, but maybe something other than Echos
      - Kids make their own skits and present
      - Darcy to have a creative writing (literary) magazine - peers vote (possible club)
      - Find a different product to show students creative writing
        - Skits - active drama club - fundraiser
    - Darcy - how many opportunities are being presented to the kids, instead of the parents. Kid driven may be more students participating
    - Instead of assemblies, maybe more field trips. Students seem to be looking for field trips. Maybe every other year?
    - Career night.
      - Used to have it through Guidance
      - Does anyone have one that we can attend? Instead of reinventing the wheel
      - Set up gym and possibly having a dept (PE?) attend with the students. All students will be able to attend. Evening career nights, not all kids are able to attend. One stop shop
      - Culture day

		Darcy - Pause before you post is specific - no bullying specific type. Teach students to be a good audience Interact with peers
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**Closing**

	Review Assigned Tasks	Minute Taker	2 min	
7	Set Agenda & Rolls For Next Mtg.	Facilitator	2 min	
8	Parking Lot Attendant	Facilitator	2 min	
9	Round Table	All	4 min	Neisha - Great concerts Sue - read something that schools that teach students how to use cell phones correctly in classes have less social media bulling Mareen - School garden is a must see

**Future Meeting Dates: September TBD**