



**SH BUILDING COUNCIL
Approved Meeting Minutes**

**January 26, 2023
Room 127
3:00pm-4:30pm**

Council Members:

Chelsey Arcangeli – Teacher
 Sophia Damico – Student
 Catherine Ginther - Student
 Elizabeth Hodownes - Student
~~Amelia Paas – Teacher~~
~~Gina Potenza – Teacher~~
 Carol Prescott - Parent

Joan Randall - CSEA Rep (Minutes)
 Gayle Reh - Parent
 Sarah Reilly - Parent
 Vivian Richelsen - Teacher
 Brian Siesto - Administrator (Facilitator)
 Anne Stekl - Teacher

Topic/Subject	Person Responsible (if not all)	Time Allotted	Resources /Notes/Next Steps
Welcome		10 min	
Welcome	Brian Siesto	5 min	Brian Siesto welcomed the group.
Approve minutes of prior meeting dated 12/14/22	Brian Siesto	5 min	Gayle Reh made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Anne Stekl seconded it. Motion carried.
Review Agenda	Brian Siesto	3 min	Brian Siesto reviewed and adjusted the agenda to include a report from Gayle Reh on the presentation of “Screenagers” to Intermediate parents by the PTSA.
Old Business			
Screenagers Update	Gayle Reh	10 min	Gayle Reh spoke of the presentation of “Screenagers” to Intermediate parents by the PTSA. Screenagers is a 67 minute documentary that addresses the challenges of raising children in a digital world and striking a balance with academic success. PTSA hopes to offer the “Screenagers II” film in the near future and to comprise a “question & answer” panel of students, mental health and tech experts to discuss the pros and cons of digital usage. The group suggested creating a Google Form to solicit panel participation.



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CASEL Update	Brian Siesto	10 min	CASEL is a professional development website that focuses on advancing social and emotional learning both in and out of the classroom. The SEL framework, known as the “CASEL wheel,” helps develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes across five areas of social and emotional competence: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. The Senior High is working on the self-management piece: dealing with our own emotions and behavior. Self-management was the theme at the Faculty Meeting on January 18th where staff was randomly divided into groups of 4 to 5 teachers. Each group shared their strategies and then did a gallery walk to read the input from other groups. Next month’s focus will be “self awareness”. Continued social/emotional learning was the topic for professional development last week.
Field Trips + Excursions Medication Update	Brian Siesto	20 min	Brian Siesto shared with the group the district’s policy “Field Trips and Other School Sponsored Events Preparation of Medication”. New York State has changed the requirements. Parents/guardians will need to provide written permission for their student to self-carry and self-administer over the counter or prescribed medications along with their healthcare provider’s orders. There are 3 medical designations: independent students (drugs requiring timely administration), supervised students (for emergency self-administration by trained unlicensed school personnel) and nurse dependent students (administration by licensed trained professionals). A supervising adult must store medication for all supervised and nurse dependent students.
New Business		60 min	



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HS Building Tour	Brian Siesto	20 min	The council went to the VSHS cafeteria where suggestions were made on how to create a more welcoming and aesthetically pleasing environment for students. Suggestions from the council: connect with the VSHS art department to see if students would be willing to paint landscapes, murals, etc. on the ceramic wall tiles, upper drywall areas and/or brick walls; suggestion was made to possibly paint the tabletops and to bring in decorations such as artificial trees/plants; replace ceiling tiles. Brian told the Council that Director of Food Services Alexandra TePoel-DeWitt was looking into replacing the cafeteria furniture with updated furniture that utilizes space more efficiently and helps create a comfortable seating experience for visitors.
Closing		10 min	
Review assigned tasks	Brian Siesto		
Set agenda and roles for next meeting	Brian Siesto		Facilitator: Brian Siesto Minutes: Joan Randall Timekeeper: Brian Siesto
Parking Lot Attendant	Brian Siesto		
Roundtable & Check In	All		