



**SH Building Council  
Approved Meeting Minutes**

**April 10, 2025  
LGI  
3:00pm-4:15pm**

**Council Members:**

Brian Siesto - Administrator (Facilitator)

~~Anya Bhargava - Student~~

Jackie Boss - Teacher

~~Jace Carey - Student~~

Austin Donroe - Teacher

~~Jessica Kammer - Parent~~

~~Griffin Pipes - Student~~

Andrew Price - Teacher

Joan Randall - CSEA (Minutes)

Andy Reddout - Teacher

Gayle Reh - Parent

Sarah Reilly - Parent

Vivian Richelsen - Teacher

Colleen Saar - Parent

Chris Stock - Teacher

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Person Responsible (if not all)</b>	<b>Time Allotted</b>	<b>Resources /Notes/Next Steps</b>
<b>Welcome</b>		<b>10 min</b>	
Welcome	Brian Siesto	5 min	Brian Siesto welcomed the group and started the meeting at 3:08pm.
Approve minutes of prior meeting dated 3/13/25	Brian Siesto	5 min	Colleen Saar made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Vivian Richelsen seconded it. Motion carried.
<b>Old Business</b>		<b>5 min</b>	
Scheduling Clarification	Brian Siesto	5 min	Brian Siesto shared with the group the progress on the development of a new schedule at the Senior High. They are currently looking at the feasibility of a 6 day cycle that would match the Junior High. If a plan is developed by November, it could be implemented by the following school year (2026-27).



The Outstanding Student Award	Brian Siesto	10 min	Brian Siesto asked the group to review the nomination form for the annual Building Council's Outstanding Student Award that will be presented at Awards Night on Tuesday, June 3rd. Brian will create an electronic form that will be shared via Parent Square next week and paper copies will also be available through the Main Office. The award recognizes the accomplishments of student/students who have demonstrated outstanding personal contributions to our school and/or community. Members of the Building Council will choose a recipient/recipients at the May 15th meeting.
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Cell Phone Changes	Brian Siesto	30 min	<p>Brian Siesto shared with the group a document on developing New York State legislation for the limitation of cell phone usage of students in public schools. This issue will be discussed at a meeting tomorrow, Friday, April 11th that includes Dr. Terranova (Superintendent), Angela Affronti (Director of Technology), Junior/Senior High Administrators, and VTA representatives. The proposed legislation by Governor Hochul was initially scheduled on April 1st but the deadline has passed. Governor Hochul is suggesting a “bell to bell” ban on personal cell phone use by students along with a \$13.5 million budget to implement these changes. Some school districts (Greece Central Schools) have already moved ahead with the use of Yonder Pouches this year.</p> <p>The Junior High and Senior High have different approaches to student cell phone usage. The Junior High requires phones to be stored in lockers during the school day. Consequences for misuse of this policy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st offense - student returns phone to their locker, teacher connects with home</li> <li>● 2nd offense - lunch detention, student returns phone to their locker, teacher connects with home</li> <li>● 3rd offense - additional consequences, administration connects with home, parent picks up the cell phone in office.</li> </ul> <p>The Senior High policy is determined by the classroom teacher. Many teachers ask students to put their phones away during instruction or hold them in a central pouch in the classroom. Phones can be used based on the teacher’s discretion for instruction, research or break times. Many local districts are asking the governor for control of the implementation of this legislation. VCSD is looking to gather input from all constituents and stakeholders to develop a strategy.</p>
<b>Closing</b>		<b>10 min</b>	
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		Brian Siesto thanked the council for their attendance.
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**Last Meeting of the Year is Thursday, May 15th**

**Location: LGI**

**Time: 3:00pm**