

Griswold District  
Partnership Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
3 October 2019

**1. Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order by Yvonne Palasky at 7:00 PM
- Mrs. Bromkamp made a motion to open the meeting; Mary Beth Malin seconded
- 31 individuals were in attendance.

**2. Introductions/Review of Meeting Norms**

- Mrs. Palasky had everyone introduce themselves.

**3. Review of Minutes from September 5th, 2019**

- Michele Spinelli made a motion to accept the minutes; Sean McKenna seconded.

**4. District Overview**

- We discussed the planned professional development for Griswold Elementary School around Reader's workshop, Instructional Data Team work, and Instructional rounds.
- At the middle school, we reviewed the plans in place for spirit week and the Red Ribbon Rally.
- Mr. Moore, Spanish Teacher at GMS/GHS, gave a comprehensive overview of the various activities at Griswold High School. Mr. Moore distributed a handout to share.
- Mr. Moore, Teacher of English at GHS, discussed the Fall Drama production of *Alice in Wonderland*. Mr. Moore also distributed a flier to share.

**5. Board of Education Report (Mary Beth Malin)**

- Ms. Malin talked about the work of the different sub-committees on the Board of Education. She discussed that the Board recently reviewed the District Improvement Plan.
- She also talked briefly about how the BOE is reviewing their goals for the 2019-2020 school year.

**6. Presentation by UCFS**

- Heidi Simmons and another staff member at UCFS reviewed the various programs for the Griswold Community, especially the work in behavioral health. Ms. Simmons and one of the UCFS representatives spent time reviewing the support for LGBTQ youth.

**7. Information Share – Boards or Community Groups**

- **Tina Falck, Griswold Senior Center**
  - Ms. Falck discussed the Senior Center, Free Breakfast program. She also discussed the partnership the Senior Center has developed with the First Congregational Church on this particular project.
- **Joy Smith, United Way**
  - Ms. Smith discussed the challenges with the United Way food bank location and was seeking advice to see if this could be staged at another location in town.
- **Josh Burkart, Griswold Public Schools Print Shop**

- Mr. Burkart reviewed the different services that the Print Shop can offer.

**8. Suggested agenda items**

- Sean asked attendees to see him or Yvonne about future agenda items.

**9. Raffle (item donated by STM Embroidery)**

- Prizes were distributed for the raffle.

**10. Adjourn/Next Meeting**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tina Falck, and seconded by Mary Beth Malin
- Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.