

Griswold District  
Partnership Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
5 September 2019

1. **Call to Order**

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

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

- Mrs. Palasky had everyone introduce themselves.

3. **Review of Minutes from May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

- Michele Spinelli made a motion to accept the minutes; Mary Beth Malin seconded.

4. **District Overview**

- We welcomed new GMS Assistant Principal, Louis Zubek.
- Sean discussed the opening of school, the gas line project, and the updates from the different schools.
- Sean discussed the Reader's workshop model at GES. He also discussed the implementation of Griswold's Vision of the Graduate and High Quality Instruction.
- Sean also gave praise to the 9/11 Committee and the wonderful efforts of all the students involved.

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

- Ms. Malin reviewed the Board of Education did meet over the summer. She discussed that the BOE started the school year with the understanding that there will be upcoming changes to the BOE as a result of the election. Additionally, she mentioned that the Negotiations Committee will begin negotiating with teachers.

6. **9/11 Memorial Planning**

- Russ Salvador, Mary Ellen Giard, and special guest, 9/11 survivor, Dan Holdridge, spoke about the 9/11 Memorial, the significance of this memorial, the students involved, and the celebration planned for September 7<sup>th</sup>. We also walked out to the memorial site.

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

- **Miranda Nagel Mahoney from Griswold PRIDE**
  - Ms. Nagel Mahoney talked about the collaboration with the high school regarding anti-vaping.
  - She also mentioned Matt's mission, which was scheduled for Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 8:10 pm.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tina Falck, and seconded by Mary Beth Malin
- Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.