

Griswold District
Partnership Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
12 September 2018

1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Yvonne Palasky at 7:00 PM
- Motion was made by Michelle Spinelli and seconded by Ian Longest.
- 16 individuals were in attendance.

2. Introductions/Review of Meeting Norms

- Yvonne Palasky had everyone introduce themselves. Norms were briefly reviewed.

3. Review of Minutes from May 30th, 2018

- Meeting minutes from May and Michelle Spinelli made a motion to approve the minutes; Mary Beth seconded. Motion carried.

4. District Overview

- Mary Ellen Giard and Sean McKenna gave an update on GES. This included an overview on the new 6-day rotation schedule, the changes in 3rd and 4th grade, where the students have 1 teacher for English and Social Studies and 1 teacher for Science and Math.
- Kim Nielson talked about the PTO at GMS. She discussed the different fundraising activities, and how often the group meets. Ms. Nelson mentioned the popular GMS grade dances that are up and coming.
- Michelle Spinelli updated the group about the high school. She reviewed that the high school will have its open house tomorrow night; she discussed the music department trip, which will be to Disney in the spring; and she reviewed the different fundraisers that are taken place in the school community.

5. Board of Education Report (Mary Beth Malin)

- Ms. Malin reviewed that the Board of Education typically meets once in July and once in August in the summer months.
 - She mentioned that the Board of Education had a retreat in August to discuss goals for the year.
 - She also mentioned that the Board of Education, while the full Board of education does not meet frequently, has subcommittees that meet frequently throughout the summer.

6. Presentation by Mr. Tom Giard on the Town of Griswold, Economic Development

- Mr. Giard discussed the developments from the Planning and Zoning Commission, including the recent development of a new complex to be built near campus.
- Mr. Giard discussed the other economic development projects in town.
- He discussed how the gas line project in town will promote further development on Route 164.
- Mr. Giard reviewed a number of other potential projects.
- He emphasized in his presentation the importance of economic development to the town and school district.

7. Information Share – Boards or Community Groups

- **Tom Giard**
 - Mr. Giard discussed his recent presentation at Town Hall.

8. Suggested agenda items

- Sean asked attendees to please recommend future agenda topics using the pads in the back of the room.

9. Raffle (item donated by STM Embroidery)

- Prizes were distributed for the raffle.

10. Adjourn/Next Meeting

- The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by MaryBeth Malin, and seconded by Sean McKenna
- Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018