

Notice of Meeting:

Green Street School Leadership Council
164 Green Street, Brattleboro VT

The Green Street School Leadership Council is scheduled to meet on **1-9-2023 at 6pm** on **Zoom**. The Green Street School PTO meeting will follow the adjournment of the Leadership Council.

Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81797585938?pwd=OGlxcFczTzIGK281R2puQlIRQ1dZdz09>

Meeting ID: 817 9758 5938

Passcode: i52SRQ

Present: Kelly Shifflette, Chrissy Howe, Mo, Kate, Rebecca Stamulis, Kelly Coleman, Lauren Brown, Cindy Douglass, Mandy Fray, Shela Linton

- Call to order - 6PM
- 1. Welcome members, introductions - 6:05
- 2. School Board Report from school board representative - 6:10
 - a. Lana is not present. Here is her report:
 - b. Some things of note for our upcoming school board meeting are of course the budget, as well as the policy committees continued work as they go through and update policies. It's definitely worth going to their agendas and seeing what might be coming up. This week the policy committee will discuss:
 - i. F38- prevention of sexual harassment as prohibited by Title IX
 - ii. F10- Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect
 - iii. F21- Policy on the Use of Restraint and Seclusion
 - c. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if there are any questions or concerns I can bring to the board meeting. I appreciate the work you are doing and look

forward to seeing you all for the next leadership council meeting in March.

- d. A question was asked how parents can interact with these policies and who would be the point person. Chrissy suggested that Lana would be the representative to connect with the school board. Kate Margaitis mentioned that she would also be here for that and help communicate how the policies would look in the school setting. Kelly C mentioned that there is some confusion of where there is an opportunity for policy readings. There is some struggle to find an identity within the new requirements in forming Leadership Councils. Rebecca said that as a PTO member for many years, she finds it frustrating that so much time is spent on LC topics and not enough time for school fundraisers and programs. Cindy suggested break-out groups. Shela suggested there may be a need for a discussion on the structure of the meetings and about what we want to get accomplished in the hour that we meet. Kate suggested setting goals for the next meeting.
- e. Principal Report - 6:20
 - i. Mo announced her new position at the central office. She starts on February 1. There is currently a search to fill the position. Interviews start Wednesday 1/11
 - ii. Chris Overtree will work with staff on school climate on 1/10.
 - iii. In response to the Panorama Data, the SEL committee has a new "Word of the Week" theme every week that teachers have been rolling out to build understanding and building kindness climate. Can this "word" be shared with families? Facebook, newsletter?
 - iv. DEC work: (Jesse Hagopian
<https://iameducator.com/about/about-jesse/>)

Consultant coming in and also ***My Students Your Students, Our Students-*** book talk with staff- how we use our resources in school to meet the needs of all students

- v. GSS building is 100 this year-- incorporate "birthday" celebration into Tulip Trot? Invite alumni to share on FB and elsewhere?

3. New Business and open discussion- 6:30

- a) Updates on student leader representative process
- b) ASP (after school programs)- Cindy
 - i) Registration has begun. There are paper copies at the front office. Online enrollment is at 35. Registration ends Friday and programs start on 1/30. Cindy will check in with families about the same pick up time at the Boy and Girls club.
- c) Chaperone background checks: unclear roll out, admins and LC do not feel clear on what the expectations are for these background checks. "Volunteers" are listed on the form for the initial background check - a word which implies that anyone volunteering must comply with background checks. As a committee the GSS LC feels as though an off campus chaperone should be checked but any on-campus volunteers would be intimidated by that process, making it a barrier to parent and family participation. Ongoing discussion as to the point of these checks, do they catch predators or simply prevent persons with a past or negative feelings towards being tracked or recorded from participating in childhood education - especially when court systems and policing have come into check with the public as being biased towards black and brown BIPOC.
- d) PTO and fundraising business
- a) Activities Committees i.e., Winter Sports

- i) Back up options are being arranged for activities that need snow
 - ii) Kelly C is looking into how to build up engagement so that the program can continue
 - iii) Skier's and Snowboarders will be going to Ludlow on Wed to get equipment and they need a parent driver. Chrissy may be able to use her SUV.
 - iv) Rentals do not come with helmets, so we are buying helmets that will stay at GSS for future use.
 - v) Family contributions are over 3K towards the WS program
 - vi) More volunteers are needed for grades 1-3. 4-6 has enough but could always use back-up. More people are needed for planning next year.
Some clarity for parents is needed about the background check process.
- b) Whole school enrichment i.e., mobile ed proposal
- i) Monday 3/13- Earth Dome \$1,295
 - ii) Respect Tour- Thursday 5/18 will be 2 performances 1,195\$
- c) Fundraising date for a winter event i.e., BINGO
- i) March 3, 6-8pm in the gym

G. Teacher appreciation Jan 23- Rebecca S. maintains a contact list of families who bake and prepare snacks and goodies for staff in-service meetings as a gift from the PTO.

5. Agenda for next month & meeting date 2-13-2023 *tentative due to annual meeting schedule conflict with principal*