Groton Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting

August 13, 2018

People present: Dan Carey, Stephanie Hume, Sallee Ten Eyck, Derek and Melissa Hill, Jason Oliver, Art Berkey, Robert Houston, Nicole Cornelius, Sophia and Nick Darling, Margo Martin, Mary Osgood, Sheldon Clark

1. Call to order at 6:05pm
2. Treasurer’s report
   1. Sallee submitted the treasurer’s register
   2. There is a $1207.65 balance
3. Teacher report by Jason Oliver
   1. Working on curriculum development once weekly during the summer
   2. Meeting with other agriculture teachers from other schools
   3. Developed a budget for the $5000 grant that needs to be spent by September 28, 2018
      1. 1. Jason passed the budget around and discussed the plans for a high tunnel and the needed materials
      2. 2. Discussion as to connections he’s made with the Groton Village Board for approval of its location in the old skate park across the street from the school
      3. 3. Derek made a motion to approve Jason's budget and purchase a high tunnel greenhouse the motion was seconded by Sallee and passed unanimously
   4. Created a pamphlet advertising the agriculture program offered at Groton School and will be dispersing it through a variety of methods, such as at Groton Old Home Days
   5. Teacher certification is in progress and was discussed by Margo Martin as needing two online
4. Discussion of other various topics dealing with the agriculture program
   1. Jason being approved as the agriculture club advisor
   2. The need for at least 2 agriculture classes in order to establish a FFA charter and how to get those two classes and the needed enrollment in them
   3. Compost bins at the community garden have been set up and training for using them will occur later this month and will be necessary to attend in order to use the bins
   4. Other larger bins are also behind the high school if needed; they are in need of some slight repair
5. FFA/Agriculture club report
   1. Open house at Dan Carey’s farm made $176.50, which will be donated to the agriculture club; 135 people attended
   2. Food for the open house was donated by Nicole Cornelius
6. Groton Old Home Days plans
   1. Corn roast; Faye Benson is dealing with the corn donation for the roast
   2. Ben Cottom said he would donate all needed corn for the roast
   3. Houston family will be selling 500 pints of milk at 50 cents each
   4. Robert Houston and other club members will be making a float
7. Adjourn:
   1. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10th at 6:00pm (Groton Jr/Sr High School-Room 302)
   2. Meeting adjourned motioned by Mary Osgood and seconded by Sophia Darling at 7:15pm