Groton Agricultural Advisory Board Meeting

September 10, 2018

People present: Dan Carey, Stephanie Hume, Sallee Ten Eyck, Jason Oliver, Art Berkey, Robert Houston, Paul Cohen, Monica Carey, Kathy Howard, Sheldon Clark

1. Call to order at 6:05pm
2. Approval of the June 12 and August 13 board minutes
3. Treasurer’s report
   1. Sallee submitted the treasurer’s register
   2. There is a $1716.88 current balance
      1. Food sale by students at Old Home Days $176.50
      2. Corn Roast funds of $332.73
4. Teacher report by Jason Oliver
   1. 8 students now enrolled
   2. new HS guidance counselor is going to come to observe the class so that she can sell the class to students
   3. introduced his own background to his class today
   4. exploring options for increasing enrollment
   5. been in contact with Sherry Lighthall who supports agriculture teachers in the state
5. FFA/Agriculture club report
   1. First FFA meeting on Friday, September 14th
   2. Meeting at breakfast in cafeteria
   3. Not sure number of members/interested students
   4. students put together a float
6. Old Business
   1. High Tunnel status
      1. placed the orders for the materials
      2. got okay from the village for the high tunnel to be placed in the skate park
      3. can have access to the fire hydrant there as well
      4. might get it framed up this fall with Ag class
      5. plan to have raised beds and tables for production
   2. Community Garden
      1. first two rows are available for the ag class to work with
      2. work in there has been pretty quiet
      3. might make sense to donate items to the community/school
   3. Compost Bins
      1. not happening yet here within the school but hopefully in the future
   4. Corn Roast-next year
      1. Fay is not present but has ideas for next year
      2. possibly consider new location
7. New Business
   1. possibly send out donation request letter to local ag businesses
   2. determine clear goals to include on the letter as to need of the program
   3. possible paid days in summer for curriculum development or work within the ag program
8. Adjourn:
   1. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 26th at 6:00pm (Groton Jr/Sr High School-Room 302)
   2. Meeting adjourned motioned by Stephanie Hume and seconded by Sallee Ten Eyck at 6:50pm