

# **Georgia Association of Student Councils**

## **April Meeting**

### **Zoom**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

#### **Call to Order: 4:05pm**

The April Meeting for the Georgia Association of Student Councils was held on April 22, 2020 with Nkosi Nelson presiding as President and Matthew Kwon and Hugo Mejia presiding as Secretaries.

#### **Inspiration: Hugo Mejia and Matthew Kwon from Meadowcreek high**

As a group of frogs was traveling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them. However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to try and jump out of the pit. Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out. Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time

Moral of story -

People's words can have a big effect on other's lives. In this troubling time, remember to refrain from words that are not encouraging and always lift others up. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death.

#### **4:26pm discussion of positions and roles**

**Executive Director** - Removed Work towards 501c3 status!

**Assistant Executive Director**- No Change

**Advisor liaison**- Added number 9- manage registration through Cvent for applicable GASC events .

**Treasurer** - Add number 7- Coordinate with the CPA to file annual taxes

**President** - No change

**Vice President**- No change

**Secretary** - No change

**Communication** - moved number 3 to crowd compass consultant

**Crowd compass consultant** - move number 3 from communication to between 7 and 8 (provide an evaluation for all GASC events, compile the results and submit to the executive board to be used in planning future events and all schools in attendance . Number 8- create the metric and survey report for all events.

**Parliamentarian** - Added -Oversee the application process and selection of the election committee, and- Uphold the election committee to the tasks identified in the GASC Constitution.

**MMAL**- no change

**District Representatives**- No change

## **Motion: 4:39pm**

Matthew Kwon from Meadowcreek High School moves to accept the changes to the roles and responsibilities. Rohit Jivangikar from Alpharetta High School seconds the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carries at 4:41 pm.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer not in attendance.

- Budget Available to everyone in resources on google classroom.
- Budget organized by GASC event (As long as an office stays within budget , they may relocate excess funds for other purposes.)

## **I. Leadership**

- Blast! Camp Director
  - Blast is going virtual!!!! And is being planned for mid-july.
  - Date will be confirmed in the week following this meeting.
  - Cost \$30 per attendee
  - Goal 100 attendees, Dream goal 150!
  - Kids will receive a “Blast box” which includes t-shirt, notepad, chalk, crafts, etc. delivered through mail
  - Family groups will take place on Zoom and will happen after each activity

- May gather all Junior counselors in July if the situation permits.
  - Events like family flags, olympics, and talent shows will switch to virtual.
  - New virtual activities like arts and crafts and movie time being considered.
  - Registration will be up ASAP
  - Open to student councils first then consider opening it up for other leadership organizations.
  - 40 non member rate
  - No executive board discount :(
  - All attendees will follow the same lesson plan, second years may be asked to be junior counselors.
  - Holly Shih wants Video Testimonies from past attendees on their experience at blast.
  - Blast will be shorted due to the periods of sitting in front of a computer, possibly 2 days.
- CrowdCompass App Consultant
    - Watched two training sessions (EventCenter Training Levels 1 and 2) for CrowdCompass and excited to start building events with all the new knowledge.
    - Revise wording for duties
  - Advisor Liaison

- Nothing to report
- Middle School Member-At-Large
  - Looking forward to a great year
- Parliamentarian
  - New folder in parli drive to organize
  - Change duties and responsibilities
  - Talk about GASC spirit (encourage year round involvement through social media)
- Communications
  - Remove evaluations because it falls under Crowdcompass
- Secretary
  - Learning the duties and expectations of holding a GASC state position
- Vice President
  - Meeting with district reps may 13th @ 10 am through Zoom
  - Agenda for DR meeting
    - Go over theme (possible themes: Gamers/another video game, Exploring leadership)
    - Tell them what they will need to have at all of their conferences
    - Logistics, How to contact us (GroupMe)
    - Recruitment Plan/Duties

- President
  - Theme announcement (Pokemon)
  - Slogan announcement (“Gotta Lead em’ All!”)
  - 2 Designs- Banner Design/ T-Shirt Design \*tentative and open for suggestions\* (Share screen for design)
  - Dance details (Silent disco Idea)
  - Family Times (Cut the third workshop and extend family time on Saturday. Also include goodbye family time on Sunday.)
  - Pokemon trading cards (Receive cards at activities and collect to win prizes.)
  
- Executive Director
  - May Motivational Meet-Up
    - GASC Zoom session for connection/BLAST advertising
    - Kate Garnes as featured speaker
    - Have multiple sessions
    - Advertise via advisors and social media
  - GSLS
    - May 6th -7th
    - Start promotion for GSLS on social media to schools.

- Amazing Speaker line-up; 15 hours of content; all hours of the day to meet in different timezones!
- Shout out Grayson's Abby
- [www.globalstudentleadershipday.com](http://www.globalstudentleadershipday.com) (you must register, but it is free!)
- Available for E V E R Y B O D Y
- NatStuCo-June 22-24- Rise Up!
  - Registration will be coming soon!
  - If we can meet, we will stay in a hotel together and pre-trip (locally) and do awesome nationals types of things-- if not, we will still do awesome things!
  - MATCHING T-SHIRTS ARE HAPPENING!!!!
  - Stillwell is working on designs
- District Conferences
  - September 28, 29 & 30
  - District 1- 12Stone, District 2- TBA, District 3- Savannah Cultural Arts Center.
  - Kyle Willkom will keynote either live or virtually
  - \$35 registration fee (if live); virtual would adjust
  - Registration through Cvent??
- Leadership Summit
  - Date: October 26th or November 9th

- Cost: Eboard & staff will pay \$20; staff capped at 10; attendees: \$40
- Speaker options: Houston Kraft, Jake Kelfer, Patrick Mauer, Lori Hayes, Laymon Hicks, ??
- Theme- still need to be thought about. (assigned as homework to board members) connect to convention in some way?

## II. Service

- Blast! Camp Director
  - May do something similar to the Chick-fil-A leader virtual service project.
  - Appreciation posts, Supporting BBA/Food banks, Senior Letters, Senior Citizen Letters all possible ideas.
- Crowd Compass App Consultant
  - Nothing to report
- Advisor Liaison
  - Webpage for a service project for students to submit artwork.
  - Each submission is a \$6 towards fighting world hunger and malnutrition.
  - <https://kamyd1.weebly.com/students-rebuild-hunger-challenge.html>



- Middle School Member-At-Large
  - Nothing to report
- Parliamentarian
  - Nothing to report
- Communications
  - Nothing to Report
- Secretary
  - Yearly Service Project: Bert's Big Adventure
- Vice President
  - Nothing to report
- President
  - Yearly Service Project: Bert's Big Adventure
- Executive Director
  - The State Service Project is BBA! This will be the 4th year!
  - Comprehensive Plan developed by July Meeting for what BBA looks like at each GASC event (Convention, Summit, ect.).
  - We are featured on their website! GASC is their biggest supporter.

### **III. Membership**

- Blast! Camp Director
  - Nothing to report
- CrowdCompass App Consultant

- Nothing to report
- Advisor Liaison
  - Blast registration open until July 1st
- Middle School Member-At-Large
  - Goal of 5 new middle schools to become members.
- Parliamentarian
  - Ideas to encourage more schools to run for office?
  - Promotion of officer positions through the use of social media
  - Work with district reps to gather contact info of all member schools and organize district map layout
    - Promote election committee through district rallies
    - Add new member schools to district maps (if necessary)
- Communications
  - Nothing to report
- Secretary
  - Nothing to report
- Vice President
  - Currently have 9 membership renewals
  - Sending schools across Georgia a membership or recruitment packet
  - District reps call schools and promote membership
  - VP handle email recruitment

- President
  - Nothing to report
- Executive Director
  - Membership Rate- \$100
  - VP & Communications--Reminder for renewals in case schools do want to pay--we need to be sure our communication is sensitive to the current times, so please clear all posts with your adult board support member
  - Goal for August 31st & September 30th
  - Membership Incentive ideas?
  - Recruitment!!! How can you help? Member recruitment is the responsibility of ALL!! As a school, commit to recruiting at least 2 new schools and bonus points if it is a middle school.

#### **IV. Networking**

- Blast! Camp Director
  - HUGE social media push with testimonials from students who have attended in the past.
  - I plan to do a ZOOM interest session for students and parents.
  - Will use the crowd compass app, which has some new interactive features.

- CrowdCompass App Consultant
  - Learning from and staying in contact with the amazing Khushi Mehta
  - Have attended zoom meetings to learn more about CrowdCompass and how it can help us for virtual events
- Advisor Liaison
  - Nothing to report
- Middle School Member-At-Large
  - Planning on working closely with the communication school to advertise the Consul through social media and other methods.
  - Will try to reach out to new middle schools by making and handing out informative flyers at any GASC event (Summit, District Conferences etc.)
- Parliamentarian
  - Work with Communication school about posting/creating a space for the election committee (website)
- Communications
  - Top 20 song playlist posted this week
  - This week posting NatStuco virtual spirit week
  - Calendar for the year for weekly posts
    - Motivational Monday, Passion Post, School Spotlight, Throwback Thursday, etc.)

- Ideas to increase followers, promoting the account at events.
- Secretary
  - Interactive social media posts such as stuco bingo and others
  - Day in \_\_\_\_\_'s life on Meadowcreek's stuco instagram page
  - Staying connected with the Exec board in this tough time.
- Vice President
  - Nothing to report
- President
  - Scott Bakovich will be the Saturday speaker at convention.
- Executive Director
  - GASC is officially a 501c3
  - What does that mean for us?
    - Google for non-profits, Amazon, YouTube, Canva, etc.
    - Grants from Publix, Coca-Cola, etc.
    - Tax write-offs for corporations and individual donors.
  - CVent Call
    - Working to make BLAST virtual

## **V. Democratic Principles**

- Blast! Camp Director
  - Nothing to report
- Crowd Compass App Consultant

- Nothing to report
- Advisor Liaison
  - Nothing to report
- Middle School Member-At-Large
  - Nothing to report
- Parliamentarian
  - Brainstorming ideas of the content for the application for the election
  - Use social media to promote the application and election committee involvement (especially because it's the first year)
- Communications
  - Nothing to report
- Secretary
  - Nothing to report
- Vice President
  - Nothing to report
- President
  - Presidential Vlogs (Newsletter and/or Day in the life of presidents):  
to showcase our duties and what we do at meetings/different events.)
- Executive Director
  - Policies update

## **VI. Advisor Hospitality**

- Blast! Camp Director
  - Nothing to report
- Crowd Compass App Consultant
  - Nothing to Report
- Advisor Liaison
  - Advisor Advocate is on hiatus. Will still be trying to contact advisors via email.
  - Emailed out a special Advisor Advocate
  - Brainstorming ideas for an Advisor Get-together for the fall  
(Possibly Atlanta, Maybe a diner)
- Middle School Member-At-Large
  - Nothing to Report
- Parliamentarian
  - Send out Inspiration to advisors (given the current circumstances)  
through email
- Communications
  - Nothing to Report
- Secretary
  - Consistent communication with our advisors to avoid  
miscommunications.
- Vice President

- Nothing to Report
- President
  - Nothing to Report
- Executive Director
  - Advisor Connection--how can we offer support now?
  - Advisor zoom sessions? Run like virtual swap shops and have the topics advertised in advance
    - Advisor survey for interest and topics.

**GASC Calendar for the Year**

- April-September- Membership Drive
- June- NASC
- July- BLAST & Exec Board Meeting
- September- District Rallies
- October- Summit??
- November- Summit?? & LEAD Conference
- December & January- Officer & District Rep Recruitment
- February- Convention & Officer Elections
- March- Turnover

The April Meeting for the Georgia Association of Student Councils was adjourned at 6:23pm by Nkosi Nelson from Grayson High School.