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Gender Equality and Awareness Club

Name:

The name of club is the **Gender Equality and Awareness Club (GEAC)**

Purpose:

The objective of **Gender Equality and Awareness Club (GEAC)** is to educate the community about challenges that boys and girls face not only in America but worldwide.

- **To Unite** students to have a voice on an issue they are passionate about.
- **To Encourage** our community to take a stand on gender inequalities.
- **To Promote** a safe, healthy environment where there can be open discussion and debate with mutual understanding and consensus.
- **To Take** active interest in global and national civic, social, and cultural welfare.
- **To Provide** leadership opportunities, training, and services by allowing students to take control of activities.
- **To Inspire** students by helping them relate and contribute to the cause

Description:

The Gender Equality and Awareness Club (GEAC) supports and provokes valuable discussion surrounding gender equality and feminism inside and out of the BHS community. The GEAC strives to empower all BHS students to become active leaders in society.

Organization:

An advisor will direct the program with the approval of the school district. The advisor must attend all meetings and club activities. The advisor will work closely with the Leadership Board. The Leadership Board will consist of three students. The Leadership Board will be elected by the members of the club at the end of each year. Members of the Leadership Board will share the responsibilities listed below. At least once a month, the Leadership Board and the advisor will meet to discuss ideas and/or preparations for upcoming club meeting, as well as events (such as fundraising and promotion), and reflect upon previous meetings and events. Goals and initiatives within the club will be addressed by individual committees. Members can choose which committee(s) to participate in and whether to take a leadership role within the committee.

All club members must commit to attending meetings and following the rules of conduct. The Leadership Board will be elected by students at the end of the previous year. Any club member who desires to run for office will notify club members and elections will be held.

Election Process

- Club members will elect 3 members at large
- Elections will be held at the end of May.
- The advisor must be notified of the candidate's intention by the week before elections.
- Candidates will prepare and deliver a 2-3 minute speech before the club members.

- Speeches should address three areas: personal philosophy, prior leadership experience (not limited to BHS experiences) and goals/vision for upcoming year.
- Members will vote by secret ballot.

Leadership Board Duties:

1. To oversee activities and lead meetings and events
2. Act as an association with the advisor
3. Schedule and attend all meetings and events, and be familiar with the Club Advisor Handbook and the Student Handbook
4. Prepare materials for each meeting
5. Take notes of discussions/activities performed during club meetings
6. Post the notes from each club activity on Google classroom.
7. Track the progress and goals, during fundraising.
8. Promote club meetings/events through Facebook, Google Classroom and Sunrise

Advisor Duties:

1. Advise and oversee the board of the club
2. Be familiar with and apply the Club Advisor Handbook and Student Handbook for Extracurricular activities for Barrington High School.

Rules of Conduct:

- To respectfully hear concerns, ideas, and suggestions

Membership:

- Open to any and all students enrolled in Barrington High School.

Amendments:

Any member of the GEAC may propose an amendment. If the amendment is petitioned by at least 35% of active members, the officers, and advisors must decide whether or not to approve it. If approved by the officers and advisors, the amendment will be voted on by active GEAC members. Two-thirds majority votes are required for the passing of the amendment.

Adult Monitor/Advisor:

- To be appointed through district application process upon club approval from the school committee