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after school, 4pm

*Beth, Nell, Ivy, and Raelynn meet with the school counselor, Miss Gallagher
mid-argument*

Start

MISS GALLAGHER

it's just that some people feel like this will alienate the boys

BETH

but boys can be members

~~IVY~~

~~they should be members~~

NELL

also who even feels that way?

MISS GALLAGHER

I'm not

at liberty to say

BETH

but maybe if we were able to foster a meaningful dialogue with them

we could find common ground

that's like

the whole purpose of this club

that's why it's so important

MISS GALLAGHER

it's just

a tricky situation

with everything that's been going on in the community...

people are –

tensions

are high

you have to understand that

IVY

our tensions are high, too!

we need an outlet!

BETH

yeah and I just really want to *do* something

you know?

~~NELL~~

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~~yeah I don't understand why tension in the community means we have to suffer~~

~~MISS GALLAGHER~~

~~okay now~~

~~let's choose our words with care~~

~~you are hardly suffering~~

~~NELL~~

~~yeah but~~

~~suffering is subjective, so~~

~~MISS GALLAGHER~~

~~I'm going to have to ask you *all* to check your tone~~

~~NELL~~

~~oh my god~~

MISS GALLAGHER

look

I know they must have done things different in Atlanta -

and I really wish I could help you /

I do, but

~~IVY~~

~~I think they "do things different" everywhere now~~

~~it's 2019~~

BETH

helping us is literally within your power as our counselor

MISS GALLAGHER

I think you're overestimating the amount of power I have here

NELL

you should be fighting for us

MISS GALLAGHER

I am

BETH

how?

MISS GALLAGHER

listen

this is a small town

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BETH

that doesn't answer my question like at all

MISS GALLAGHER

we have to be aware of the ripple effect our actions can have on / the –

Mr. Smith enters the classroom, just as Beth loses it

BETH

yeah we DO have to be aware of that
and I mean like it is literally your job to facilitate situations like this!!
just do your job!!!!

MR. SMITH

whoa whoa whoa –
what's going on in here?

*Beth claps a hand over her mouth, horrified at herself
beat*

~~IVY~~

~~we signed out the room~~

~~it said it was free~~

~~MR. SMITH~~

~~that's not really what I'm asking, Ivy~~

MISS GALLAGHER

these girls
came to me to see why their club proposal got rejected
and I have been trying to explain to them
that it's a sensitive issue
with many complicated –
things
and I empathize with them
I do
but they are not showing me the respect / I

BETH

Miss Gallagher I'm so so sorry
I didn't mean to snap at you like that I –
I'm so so sorry
I'm just really passionate about this
and I got / upset

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I'm sure Miss Gallagher here knows what a good student you are, Beth
what a great girl
and I'm sure she knows it won't happen again

BETH
it won't
it absolutely won't

END

MISS GALLAGHER
it's
all right

MR. SMITH
could someone else fill me in on what's happening here?
what's this club?

beat

NELL
it's a feminism club

RAELYNN
yeah it's supposed to like -
Beth what's the way you said it?

BETH
spread awareness, foster dialogue, and ignite change

MR. SMITH
what a great idea
and a very well-worded mission, Beth, awesome work

Beth totally blooms

BETH
thank you

IVY
Nell had one at her school in Atlanta

MISS GALLAGHER
which is great
but
I was just explaining to the girls why
even though I am totally and completely on their side