4-2-09

# TOWN MEETING
# Thursday, 4/2/09

## Precursors

- SAB – meeting tonight
- Staff Meeting – Yes. Meghan is back. Private Schools are accepting more students while state college applications are up. UVA applications went up 17%. Library Databases use Gale through Blackboard to get to Biographies, try Culturegrams database. A new end of the year calendar. The Master Schedule is being developed using a new program. Talked about Math Multivariable Calc at HBW. Wakefield and Yorktown are also trying to teach Multivariable Calc at their schools. Some kids have trouble making their TA choice. A TA mixer would be a good idea so kids can make the choice best for them. Technology Committee is meeting in Eleanor's room at lunch. There is an extra .2 for allocation. HBW is hosting middle school summer school this summer. So things will be different. They will run HBW like a regular school. April Fools Verbum Sap Sat is out.

## Announcements

- TA selection after Spring Break – Frank. Students will get their TA selection form 2 weeks after spring break
- Cappies play TONIGHT & TOMORROW – Saturday is sold out.
- New Books – Theresa. Reminder, write down book titles/authors and give to Theresa for next year's orders. Talk to Theresa if there is an author you like that you think we

need more of.

- Penny war ends today – at 4:00

## Motions

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- Outside Teacher Request – Frank. Hire Matt Jarrell as a part time substitute for the rest of the year mostly to help with SOL testing and AP testing. He will not be hired full time due to money. PASSED
- TA Mixer in the Library @ TA time on 4/28 – Bill/Julie/Theresa. That the library will be used so that 8th graders can meet HS TAs. The library will be closed at a Tuesday TA time. It has been done before. If the library is closed then no one will reserve the Computer Labs. Why not the Cafeteria? It is too big of a space the library is the right size. PASSED
- HS Dance, May 8th – Danny, Josh, Alan. All money will go to CARE a multinational disaster relief group. This will dance will have multinational music. PASSED
- Hiring Committee, English – Frank. Randy is retiring so we should form a Hiring Committee to hire a new English teacher. A sign is put up on the TM bulletin board so all can sign up to join the committee. A gathering will take place where the committee decides what characteristics are required of the new teacher. An interview schedule will be created and you must go to all of the interviews to be on the committee. The position will be for 9th and 10th grade English. PASSED
- Allocation – possible additions. Frank. We have an extra .2 that is an extra period. We need to discuss this and the Staff Meeting on the 15th will be turned into departmental meetings. Students can attend these meetings. Then the TM will vote on it acting as an Allocation Committee on the 16th. This is can be used to resolve the Multivariable Calc Principals

of Geometry. The distance teacher will be mostly here next year as WL will only have 2 students taking Multivariable Calc. With this extra .2 YOU CAN COME UP WITH A NEW CLASS like Astronomy or Italian or Philosophy. This money can also go to things other than teaching. Will we have this .2 next year? We don't know. Think outside the box. With a .2 that is someone who only comes and teaches one class. An organizational coach? This is on the students on us to say what we want or need. PASSED

## Discussion

- Late work – Is it unfair for teachers to not accept late work? – Liz. (Previously tabled discussion continued) It is not unfair, teachers should be able to set their own policy. At the end of the quarter everyone tries to hand in late work. If you accept late work or not it is important to be consistent and not change it arbitrarily. There must be responsibility on the students' part it is not all ways about the grade. This is on students. Contact Liz if you have ideas. More disconnect on late work in Middle School. You learn from homework. Late work after a few days becomes very very pointless. There should be a time limit on when you accept late work. People turn in late work because they can. Consistency is important. Late work up to a point.
- Better Cafeteria Food? – Anne Welles B Block Drama Class. TABLED
- Check-out Laptops – Theresa. TABLED

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