

## Town Meeting

2-9-12

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#### Precursors:

- SAB - yes. Grade Scale Good, Principal meeting to recap what has happened over the year, capacity and college counseling as well as discussion of the MS Block Schedule proposal. Same presentation as was given to the Board
- Staff Mtg - no.

#### Announcements:

- Winter Formal Friday - get your tickets now! Mardi Gras theme, girls ask guys.
- Get your Course Request Forms turned in --now--! This is really important. The allocation process truly begins when the CRFs are turned in. This is important.
- Cafeteria closed on Monday, 2/13, from 12:30 to 4:30pm. Thank you for your understanding. Closed because of Stratford Graduation for Atticus Bailey. Eighth Graders will decorate the Auditorium. Lower parking lot will be closed for visitor parking. 1:45 in the auditorium, all are welcome
- Two students in our community lost their father suddenly and really need money for food, rent, and funeral. Give to Vanessa in the Main Office.
- H20 for Life - Hearts for Haiti on sale now, \$2, cookies delivered Valentines Day. Hearts on the message boards. Earnings from hearts for Haiti go to the family. Money will go to HBW family in need.
- H20 for Life - 5K is set for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 8am, Potomac Overlook Park. \$25 Registration online. IPad raffle for HBW students only. (Have to be present to win) Registration at Roadrunner. Sacred Heart School in Haiti.
- Reminder, per TM rules, if the Seniors don't sign up to do announcements, "any" student may do them. Juniors encouraged to check schedule outside Fatima's door. Staff members may also make announcements
- Senior Superlatives. Due by the end of today.
- Rising sixth grade visitors are coming (83). And Rising Ninth Grade visitors (9 or 10). Please be welcoming.
- Sam Bosley graduated and participated in an essay contest and won for the region, 1000 dollars for Langston and a laptop for him.
- Summer School Bulletin is out and in the Main Office.

#### Motions:

- (These came from discussion, below)
- Night Time Town Meeting - We need action more than talk, let people know and then start doing something immediately. Try to find the people who are doing this and warn them about how it could hurt HBW. MOTION TABLED
- Motion to place a sign at Cherrydale and make an announcement for park clean-up at 3:10 Friday. Offer some incentive for people to come. Frank will coordinate with Parks and Rec to make sure but nobody should mind. Make the announcement. PASSED Unanimously

#### Discussion:

- Cherrydale Park - giving back project. Frank. Off campus privileges have existed since 1971 with very little trouble. A few years ago five days after a snow a group of high-schoolers threw ice at cars, a police officer got involved but it all got resolved. A vacant house near Lebanese Taverna was being trespassed on by students, the police got involved again, went to the Superintendent's office and six kids were arrested. In 1989, first year with sixth grade, the issue of off campus privileges was questioned again which is when sixth and seventh grade students were not allowed to have privileges. Recently a neighbor has come to Frank and complained that kids from HBW are messing up Cherrydale

Park. Smoking, cigarette butts, graffiti, 7/11 trash. Don't go through the park until this problem is resolved. Frank and Mary will be in the park talking to students. Could ten TAs adopt the park and cleaned it up once a month? Citizens don't mind kids as much as they mind smoking and trash. There may be new equipment soon. All school field trip to the park to clean up. Adults can be afraid of teenagers so large groups of teenagers are seen as threatening. Cleaning could help improve HBW's appearance. Maybe make it an NHS thing so more people go. Offer to repaint the equipment. Bake sale to raise money. Would people maybe just run away when they saw Frank? If TAs did it, it would seem more long term. Posters or announcements to get the word out for everybody. The park is kind of run down so maybe HBW could adopt it and rehabilitate it. President of the Cherrydale Civic Association wants to replace some equipment but won't do it until this won't happen again. We could let Cherrydale know how we are planning to help and invite them to Town Meeting. Announce it online, Cherrydale has a listserve. Frank or Town Meeting could write a letter. We could have a night town meeting. (see Motions above)

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