

Town Meeting

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Precursors:

- SAB - yes. All principals, college counseling, another tonight with School Board. Frank congratulated students on representing HBW well.
- Staff Mtg - no.

Announcements:

- Time-change on Saturday night. Move your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed.
- H2O for Life 5K. April 21st @ 8am (registration online via school homepage). iPad raffle for HBW students who register. Must be present to win. Money goes to a secondary school in Haiti. Run takes place at Potomac Overlook park.
- Lower field update. Field will be assessed in early April to see when it will be viable. We hope it will be opened soon.
- Computer Lab committee on Friday in Eleanor's room @ TA.
- Scholastic Art Award ceremony last night. Art exhibit is at Central Library through March 28th. Catalogue of who won on the Town Meeting bulletin board.

Motions:

- Funding for computer science class - Quinn. Motion previously TABLED. HBW Computer Science would like \$100 to pay for hosting a website and other expenses. Indefinitely tabled.
- A capella group - Casey - Previously TABLED. Alumni is in an a capella group at Brown University. Would like to come and sing on March 30th @ TA. \$400 for group (they normally charge \$800). Outside teacher fund still has \$12,000 dollars left. A lot has been used for English elective teachers, but we need to spend more. This is "use or lose" money. PASSED
- Sophomore Class Raffle - Allison Hahn trying to get donations from businesses to raffle off. Fifty percent to APAC. Will announce winners on April 14th at the concert that night. PASSED (Frank made a note here about money collections. General rules of thumb: Collect at a table during lunch, don't do collections in the halls. Don't carry money with you, turn it in to the treasurer as soon as you have collected it)
- Waffle Bake Sale - Zak and Donovan. Want to sell waffles and soda next Tuesday. 85% to sophomore class 15% for supplies. It is not necessary to bring Bake Sale type activities to Town Meeting, but a reminder that a percentage has to go to charity. PASSED
- Computer Lab rules - Meeting takes place tomorrow, so motion is TABLED

Discussion:

- Allocation "budgeting" - middle school as a block - Casey. Traditionally middle school is submitted for allocation as a block. This year, we would like the middle school allocation to be folded into departments, for instance, Allison's science allocation would be listed as "Science" not "Middle School". The lower enrollment in Core+ made the numbers look low, hence the interest in putting in middle school as a block, but we will deal with Core+ separately this year. Middle School and High School class offerings are traditionally separated but they are growing together. Creative Writing becomes part of English, for instance. Would departments have to respect the middle school classes? Hopefully students and teachers would advocate for the classes they want to keep.
- Superintendent's Proposed Budget, Implications for HBW. Larger overall budget but there is a class size increase for all grades. We would probably have to lose some teachers, 1.8 to 1.9 teaching positions. More information on Monday. Allocation next week. Early release today is so departments can talk

about it. Invitation to all to attend Social Studies department meeting today at 1:40pm as Economics will have an impact. All department meetings open to all. Also, a new county requirement to give over .4 for dedicated HILT math classes. Early release two weeks from today. Students will should stay as this is where proposals are drafted that will impact on them next year. Conflicts with the music trip. Not a decision making day just committee coming up with proposals. We will make sure every student who attends has a ride home. Allocation town meeting comes after spring break. Could it be possible to move the early release to the week after spring break or to the Thursday before?*** We will have some class increase. 26.4 to 1. We aren't going to get more kids we're just going to lose teachers.

*****After the meeting, Frank arranged for the early release to be moved to Thursday, 3/29.**

- Last day of school and graduation date changes. High Schools usually have graduation at Constitution hall but this year it wasn't available Thursday so graduation will be on Wednesday. Last day for high schoolers on Tuesday the 19th people don't have to come on the 20th but we would like them to show up on the 20th for Senior play, etc. Seniors will be here so hopefully other students will too. HBW graduation will be on Thursday night. There will still be bus transportation to and from school on Wednesday.
- Cherrydale Park - which TA will volunteer for this next? Patty's TA did it last so we need another TA to go on Friday during TA time. It's really helping with the neighbors. Mark's TA might be able to do something. This weekend Varsity is going to be doing a clean-up project at HBW.
- Possible Town Meeting outside as weather gets nice. 73 degrees today!!

Chair: Calvin McPhail-Snyder

Co-Chair: Ben Branman

Secretary: Caroline Pepin-Woods