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Precursors:

- SAB - yes. - Met with the school board and discussed capacity issues. Budget was also discussed. The SAB was in favor of not increasing class size.
- Staff Mtg - no.

Announcements:

- TM regular Ben Branman qualified for a three hour Math competition - which he is taking this morning. Let's keep good thoughts for his success. - Go Ben!
- H20 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. - There are lots of incentives involved. The iPad will be for HBW students only.
- Lower field update. Field is still **closed**!!! Field will be assessed in early April to see when it will be viable. We hope it will be opened soon. We went over this last week. Some people need to be reminded.
- Scholastic Art exhibit is at Central Library through March 28th. Catalogue of who won on the Town Meeting bulletin board. - Please go to see the artwork and support our fellow students.

Motions:

- Computer Lab Rules - report from Friday's committee mtg. There will several rules. Such as no eating, drinking, cleaning up, no music without headphones, no video watching during H block, Lunch, or TA, if equipment is missing please let Terri know, things must be plugged in normally. Last year monitoring software was used in the basement we would request it for this. HBW has already purchased such software but would need to purchase a new version. What the software would do depends on what we buy. The software could view the computer but it depends on what you get. This would not work on laptops. This is really cool. This has been a problem for a long time, but this list looks like it would work. The committee did a great job. Now all we need to do is actively communicate these rules to all the labs. What we want to do is what you have in mind. Thank you, if you need help enforcing these rules please ask. PASSED
 - Amendment - You shouldn't be able to play games in List A during TM as well. This should have been added during the discussions on the list. PASSED
- Agenda on Morning Announcements - Ben Gessel. If there is an important issue going to be discussed in TM it should be put on the morning announcements. How would an important issue be defined? It's really hard to hear the morning announcements at times. We could ask whoever does the announcements on Thursdays to glance at the agenda and then use their discretion. Anything would be better than nothing. This might not be the best way to do it. The motions passed should be put on the announcement board, as well as on the scrolly TVs. Even reading the whole agenda wouldn't take much time. PASSED

Discussion:

- Update on Superintendent's proposed teacher staffing for HBW. - The Superintendent proposed a new budget. We are looking at losing 2 to 3 teachers in the coming year. The staff has talked to Department Chairs and Middle School teachers. The whole allocation process is being pushed back because the Superintendent is going back to the drawing board. We need more information about the new possible

budget. This means that the Early Release scheduled next Thursday is going to be pushed back until after Spring Break.

Chair: Liza Gibbs

Co-Chair: Robi Rahman

Secretary: John Ponder White