

Town Meeting

12-20-12

TOWN MEETING**12/20/12**PRECURSORS

- SAB. No one present.
- Staff Meeting – No.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- English Electives are posted on the board outside Kelli's rm. Interested 10-12th graders, deadline is TODAY.
- Instrumental Music concert TONIGHT.
- Lost and Found boxes being cleaned out. Pick up your stuff TODAY, as coats, etc will be donated tomorrow.
- Please do not bring drinks to school in glass bottles. There have been many shattered bottles in the halls – this is a clear safety hazard.

MOTIONS

- Don Juan in Chicago, non-HBW production, asking for extra nights — Grace Cannon. Motion previously TABLED. Motion withdrawn.
- Close Middle Earth Lab @ 12 noon on Friday – Eleanor & Jennifer. No academic classes in afternoon, laptops and library will still be open for classwork. This would make this easier for Teri. We've been arguing about the computer lab for years, we need permanent solution. PASSED

DISCUSSION

- Door policy — Finlay. What is the change? Whose decision? Response to Sandy Hook; Superintendent requested that all APS Principals lock all school doors effective immediately. Frank understand that this is a culture change for us, but wants to make students feel safe. Problem in letting students in after going off campus, Frank hopes students will solve problem themselves. All teachers will get keycards to enter school, Frank requested keycards for all students although this is not likely to happen. May be temporary, might not be. Difficulty for students who go off campus for class. What about parents coming in to school? They should come to front entrance, there is a buzzer. This can easily be worked around by students propping doors open. Frank has directed custodians to remove props when doors are propped open. We need to be sensitive as to how this event impacted many people in different ways. This will not keep shooters away as the CT shooter shot through a glass window. Nonetheless, we should honor the requests being made right now, as this is a sensitive time. Place the most comfortable couches near entrance, entice kids to sit there by offering pizza. MOTION: take survey of most comfortable couches — Motion FAILED. We have better chance of going back to normal if we comply, wait a few weeks for the emotions to settle and then ask Superintendent where we might have leeway. This may be opportunity for activism; time to make statement about gun control, mental health, etc. I think we can handle this in short term, it may not last long. What about the parents, are they uncomfortable? It will still be possible to get in after school. We shouldn't blame custodians for locking doors, they are part of community too. We should respect that some people are afraid right now. We should remember bigger issue, not focus on ourselves; don't turn this into a party. Connecticut schools were already in secure state, little you can do to stop the problem, but important to make people feel safe right now.

Chair: Tori Auerhan

Co-Chair: Amanda Hayes

Secretary: Jamie Leach