

Town Meeting

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PRECURSORS

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- SAB. No.
- Staff Meeting. No.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Knitting at Cherrydale Library next Monday at 4:30. They will supply materials/teach. Projects go to area charities. They will sign sheets for volunteer hours for this activity.
- New plaque outside building, recognizing this as one of two schools first integrated in Virginia – 1959, five years after Brown v Board of Education ruling by the Supreme Court. Virginia political leaders objected to integration so much that they actually closed public schools in the state rather than integrate them. There is likely to be a large celebration for the 55th. If you are interested in organizing this celebration, let Frank know.

MOTIONS

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- None.

DISCUSSION

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- Can we do away with the pay phone next to the office? Do we still need a pay phone in the building? We have two payphones in the building. Frank is opposed to getting rid of the booths, but the phones are past their prime. We also have ongoing issues with abuse – two crank calls to 9-1-1 recently cause problems, school is fined. It might be more cost-effective to turn the phones off rather than remove them. This is the plan we're considering adopting. We should put a sign on the phones so between now and the motion next week, letting people know that we're considering closing the phones so they can come to TM to voice their opinions. There are ways of getting the word out: signage, announcements, etc.
- Alternative Diplomas? We already have alternative diplomas, made by the Senior class for each year. We don't control the diplomas (real ones) from the home high schools. This is an idea for an alternative diploma that allows students to receive recognition for their work in independent studies classes. We don't really have control over class descriptions anymore, meaning that transcripts don't necessarily show independent studies accurately. What other ways can we encourage independent studies? Diplomas are just one way of doing this; we should have a larger discussion on these classes in general. Diplomas don't seem to be the best way of doing it. Maybe we should do more research into how Independent Studies appear on the transcript. Juniors should be making "brag sheets" informally already and this is just the sort of thing that should appear on one. Also up to the TA to highlight unique educational activities when writing the colleges. Will bring back to TM next week after more research.

Chair: Tori Auerhan

Co-Chair: Jamie Leach

Secretary: Will Hubbert

