

Town Meeting

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PRECURSORS

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- SAB. No one present.
- Staff Meeting. Mini-meeting to discuss "Junetime." Junetime will be formally discussed at a later Town Meeting, so stay tuned for that.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Many announcements on scrolly TV, along with pictures of last night's International Dinner. Check it out. Some select announcements below:

- TODAY is National Poem in Your Pocket Day. Visit Poets.org (or the library!) to find a poem. Carry it with you today and share with others!
- Best wishes to Knowledge Masters folks – possible last competition ever will be this afternoon.
- TOMORROW is the National Day of Silence. A day when students go silent to recognize the struggles of the LGBTQ community.
- Henry VI is HERE. Opens TONIGHT Re-envisioned version, original music by HBW student Robert Burdick. Tickets are \$3 for students. This will be a GREAT show, everyone should go see it.
- Senior Auction next Tuesday @ TA time.
- Formals for Five sale NEXT week at W-L. Prom Dresses, \$5. These are used dresses for \$5. Great deals, go check it out!
- Allocation Town Meeting will be NEXT Thursday @ the regular TM time, but in the GYM. It looks like we meet our budget just barely.
- See scrolly for more announcements...
- 5 more spots on the bus for Polyface Farm on Monday, April 22.
- We will have a Tornado drill in the next week or so. Be prepared. People should head down to the lower levels and places with no windows, not go outside.

MOTIONS

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- None.

DISCUSSION

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- Safety Issue @ bike racks. Tampering suspected. Frank not here to discuss, Discussion TABLED for a second time.
- "Sandbox" in Trailer 2. There are 15 extra computers that were donated for robotics that cannot be used for robotics. Can we create a closed network with these computers so that people can experiment with batch files? We could use the space as an unofficial computer science space. Students could come in and teach. The Trailer 2 is the BOOK ROOM for English, Social Studies, along with some library cart storage. We use/lock this space for a reason. Could we move the books elsewhere? A motion of this nature (gaming space) was proposed last year—supervision was still a problem. Maybe this "Sandbox" group could work to organize the books as a gesture of good faith? English Department open to a trade – organizers clean up space in exchange for computer types using it. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about computer science, and these computers are not being used for anything at the moment.

This would be a great space for kids to learn about computer science. Trailers are kept locked by county ordinance—it would be difficult to make this lab open 24-7. Casey might be open to having a key “check-out” at lunch, H, TA times. Chairs/tables are an issue (these are desktops), do we have enough? Without adult supervision, we might get into the space being trashed as has previously happened. Books could be entered into a database (by an enterprising computer person) and scanned. We would have an active inventory and know if things go missing. Don’t worry, no one is interested in stealing the boring books down there. Nobody wants to read about the war of 1812. Some kids could teach other kids how to do certain kinds of computer stuff. This would not impact APS computing because these are not school computers and would not be linked to the school network. Teri supports the concept. (Note: There appeared to be a meeting after the meeting in which organizers and staff discussed some options).

- HBW improvement discussion? We should have a discussion about how to leave this school a better place than we found it. I know many people have opinions about how to improve the school, but none of them have ever really made a formal motion of their discussion. At Tuesday at TA we should meet and have a dialogue about the school and how to make it a better place for learning, and then bring these ideas to Town Meeting. Junetime is one tangible motion that adheres to this idea of improving the school, be sure to attend TM to discuss it. Actually, Tuesday is the senior auction; you should move your discussion to Friday, in the library. MOVED TO FRIDAY @ TA.

Chair: Finlay McCracken

Co-Chair: Julian Cohen

Secretary: Will Hubbert