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Precursors

- SAB – Reps have been elected. See scrolly TV for your representatives. Congrats to everyone on a clean campaign! Now, if only Congress could be so mature (!) SAB will be updating TM monthly on the issues of the county, but TM should inform SAB reps on HBW's concerns.
- Staff Meeting – Yes. New gradebook, new teacher policies on grading + late work.

Announcements

- Walk for the Homeless on NEXT TUESDAY @ TA time. Sign up *online* before then.
- Model Congress Mtg in Catherine's room TODAY @ lunch
- NanoWriMo is Coming, Warmup for writers @ Central Library next Monday from 4:30 to 5:30
- Walk/Bike to School next WEDNESDAY. See Catherine for details.
- Volunteers needed to help with Blood Donor Drive on November 5th. See Vanessa.
- H2O for Life 5K Race for Life on November 2nd at Tuckahoe. Registration is now open online.
- Quiznet starts today in Paul's room at 3:30.
- StudentVue will be open to students next marking period. In the meantime, use a parent's password.

Motions

- Star Wars Club, Ellis. Star Wars club, with location and time TBD (possibly sandbox). Reina sponsoring. Motion PASSED
- Risa: Outside teacher fund request of \$335 for Amy Dominguez, cellist, on October 9th & 10th for \$190; and Caroline Levy, violinist, on November 7th & 8th, to assist with orchestra classes. Two expert musicians who can help Risa teach the students. Amy would give 4 classes over Wednesday/Thursday, and Caroline would give 3 classes over Thursday/Friday. Motion PASSED

Discussions

- De-Brief Lockdown Drill. Lockdown drill was amazingly successful! We took 8 minutes, the shortest time of any school. Students were very quiet, and the police were happy with our performance. Congratulations! We will have another drill in January.
- CRF Policy. Do we need CRF forms to be signed by parents? This school is predicated on student independence. There are some county issues involved with this issue. This school HAS been boxed in by county policy. Graduation policies have changed — No Child Left Behind and other regulations have made us more accountable. Teachers have to be endorsed in teaching their subject today — English electives are the only vestigial remains of this process. Some students have had this issue — their parents have denied their schedule requests. It's possible that parents will be uncomfortable with this suggestion. An alternative educational institution can't be dictated by past policy: the fact that we haven't done this before isn't enough of a reason to not do it today.

Chair: Tori Auerhan

Co-Chair: Finlay McCracken

Secretary: Will Hubbert