

## Town Meeting

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#### Precursors

- SAB – no.
- Staff Meeting – Optional "Synergy" training. Delightful and fun for all.

#### Announcements

- Volunteers needed to help with Blood Donor Drive on November 5<sup>th</sup>. See Vanessa.
- H2O for Life 5K Race for Life on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Tuckahoe. Registration is now open online. Need Volunteers (water stations, conducting runners) – including a rocking singer!!! See Cecilia.
- Middle School Girls – the Office of Minority Achievement is sponsoring its annual Girls' Leadership Conference on 10/25. If you are interested in attending, please see Jen H in room 205 asap.
- The library is now open after school (staffed by parents, Yay Parents!) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 5:15
- College visits continue, Sarah Lawrence TODAY
- Carlin Springs 5<sup>th</sup> graders visit on Monday morning. Welcome them!
- Come to Scream on the Green! THIS Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – the movie is "Coraline". Admission is \$5. Movie starts at 7:30pm. Be there early to get seats and buy treats.
- Tammar Stein, author at the Central Library TODAY from 5-6:30 to do workshop on "Creating Characters" – prizes.
- Wikipedia workshop next week – edit an article! See scrolly for more details.

#### Motions

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- American Red Cross Club. Aidan & Erin. Would like to create a club so that Vanessa isn't having to do it all by herself all of the time (Organizing blood drives, fundraisers for Red Cross, etc.) It would be open to middle and high school students and would meet once a month or so. All \$ go to Red Cross. Motion PASSED.
- Child's Play Charity Tournament — Nik Dennis. Charity out of Seattle, Washington. Brings video games to kids suffering from terminal illnesses at hospitals. Charity video game tournament starting a week from this Monday — pay in fee. All money goes to charity (winner's name on check). 1<sup>st</sup> game: Mario Kart Double Dash. Motion PASSED.
- Parent Signatures on Course Request Forms – previously TABLED — Will Hubbert. Motion to have a nighttime town meeting (2/3 majority needed) to get direct parent feedback. Casey — Met w/PAC Tuesday night and discussed: Most parents voiced concerns about what goal is for removing parent signature on Course Request Forms. Biggest concern is finding out after the fact that a student dropped a class w/o conversation. Possible options: parent signature that is "informed" — making sure whether a parent knows when a student makes a change, even if the parent doesn't like it. One concern: if this is a big enough issue for a nighttime Town Meeting. Perhaps wait until more issues come up which warrant nighttime Town Meeting. Perhaps email notification appropriate rather than another signature. Wants to vote today. Is this an issue? Are there a lot of parents turning down student choice in schedule? Not a huge problem, but occasional issue for students. More of educational principle in line with HBW's philosophy. Also nice to get paper moving faster than wait for it to get lost going home to parents. Parents' input should have as much value as students' and teachers'. Motion restated: This would be effective for high schoolers after the end of the semester. Course Request Form would have on it some sort of expectation that a student informed parent of his/her choices. Should we have a committee to flush out details? Motion to move to table motion until a detailed outline developed. Motion TABLED
- No Sweat Funding — Casey — Paperwork not available. Motion TABLED

- Lit Mag Creative Workshop — Joe. Proposal for workshops to help writers, photographers, artists. Would get volunteers as mentors. First meeting October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-2 hours after school. It would be volunteers in the school community — possible expansion to include other artists. Meeting held in Tom Mallan's room (photo room). Motion PASSED unanimously

#### Discussions

- None.

Chair: Tori Auerhan

Co-Chair: Emma McPhail-Snyder

Secretary: Amanda Hayes