

Town Meeting

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Precursors

- SAB – No.
- Staff Meeting – Yes. Welcomed Donna Cerwensky, praise for Turkey/Chicken/Pigeon Bowl, Partnership Program for Incoming HILT Students and discussion of grading distributions with implications for schedule and allocation. Grading distribution is the # of students getting each grade broken down by class and race.

Announcements

- NHS Tutoring continues in the Cafeteria on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- MLK Essay Contest. See your TA/Teacher for info.
- Holiday Toy Drive continues. Donate to this worthy cause! Check office list for which toys NOT to bring.
- ALL 10th graders – please report to Catherine's rm (308) @ lunch TODAY for mtg about English Electives.
- Programming class – next week, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday – H Block in the Middle Earth Lab – ALL welcome!
- Combined music concert TONIGHT in the Auditorium @ 7:30. Chance to see some professional level music for free! Check it out.

Motions

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- Chinese Club (Edward Wu, Rita Yang, Brad) We should have a Chinese Club! We would eat Chinese food, play games, just generally consume Chinese culture. Why is this only a Chinese club instead of an Asian club? It's being made by a Chinese class, so we know much more about Chinese Culture. Two adult sponsors. Motion PASSED
- Purchase and mount two signs for Cafeteria Parking Lot (Theresa) that say "Parking for HBW students and staff only between the hours of 8am and 4pm" Parking is at a premium at HBW. We should have the right to designate certain zones as belonging to us. Our parking lot as it stands right now isn't exclusive and others are parking there, filling up spots before 8:20 classes (four to eight cars a day). We should first have a discussion about this with the Stratford Program Principal (this was suggested a month ago and never followed up on). Maybe some of the drivers are faculty there? Maybe we should discuss solutions with Stratford — they have a sign that says WE cannot park in their space. Motion TABLED

Discussions

- NHS vs. other service clubs? National Honor Society doesn't really do much. Action Team is available as an alternative to NHS. Why are we discriminating on the basis of GPA? It's not very HBW, elevating some over others. If a student has worked hard, they should be rewarded. NHS is not just about grades -- students who qualify are sometimes turned away because they do not meet "character" requirements. This is subjective. Service is not an exclusive thing: anyone can participate in service projects. NHS is more than a service organization: it's also a character thing. There should be other alternatives to NHS, such as Key club: if it affirms character, then others without a 3.5 GPA should be able to affirm that character. Why are you bringing this if you're in NHS? Empathy is a universal thing: maybe some people are embarrassed to come forward saying that they were denied the opportunity to be NHS. Devil's advocate: pretend there was no NHS. Why SHOULD we have it? What opportunities do we have through NHS that we don't have in other clubs (real or hypothetical)?

Chair: Amanda Hayes

Co-Chair: Finlay McCracken

Secretary: Will Hubbert