

Town Meeting

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Precursors

- SAB – Synergy, overcrowding, next year's schedule and electronic classroom issues have been discussed.
- Staff Meeting – No.

Announcements

- Programming class in celebration of "National Coding Week" – TODAY @ H Block in the Middle Earth Lab – ALL welcome!
- Upcoming Music Events: Instrumental Music Concert on Monday @ 7:30pm in the Auditorium. Choral Concert on Thursday (next week) @ 7:30 at Memorial Baptist Church.
- One Act Play Festival TONIGHT, TOMORROW & Saturday. Four plays, three nights. Celebrate the diversity! Black Box, 7:30pm each night. \$5 students, \$10 adults.
- The library has received ***12*** boxes of new books – check out the offerings and take something home to read over the holidays. Truly "something for everyone." New eBooks coming in Mackin any day now. New eBooks coming in Follett by Winter Break (?)
- Author Jon Skovron heads up "Shut Up and Write" panel at the Central Library on Saturday @ 7pm.
- 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.
- Latina Club is coming. Working to connect middle school Latinas with high school Latinas. More info soon.

Motions

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- 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." Frank stated he did not feel this was a friendly motion and wanted to continue moving through back channels. "We are one community." Motion FAILED. Postscript: Frank stated after the meeting that he and the Stratford Principal were arranging to have "Stratford Parking Only" signs removed, allowing anyone to park anywhere.
- Volleyball Special Schedule – Frank. The special schedule for the volleyball tournament was proposed by Frank. Casey said teachers were concerned about impacts of special schedules on F Block. Frank stated that the schedules are fairly balanced throughout the year ... an attempt is made to keep the number of sessions for each block "even." It was noted that F Block doesn't meet on Fridays, so the issue was dropped. Casey said that the Middle School is holding D Block. Could the entire school hold D Block? Do we really need three hours for the Volleyball tournament/does it usually start at 12:30? Sense that TA is unnecessary. Several alternate schedules proposed, including eliminating B Block. Mark Dodge wanted to have ABCD together. Frank accepted Casey's suggestion – have A, B, C, lunch, D next Friday, cancel the rest of the day. Motion PASSED
- MS Dance on 1/10 – Zunair. Middle school dance on the tenth of January was proposed by Zunair. It would get the Senior class funds. Motion PASSED
- Hiring Committee: Asperger's Classroom – Casey. One of our assistants is leaving us to go to grad school full-time. Motion PASSED
- Change to Robert's Rules: the Chair and Co-Chair should be allowed to talk – Finlay. Finlay finds it "ridiculous" that the Chair and Co-Chair can't speak on topics. Others say that it is important for people in those positions to stay neutral in order to run the meeting effectively. Finlay states that he was an effective co-chair last week. Others disagreed and felt he hi-jacked the meeting a couple of times. Mark's amendment was accepted for a "chair-in-waiting." Third-place winner in the run-off for Chair would get the Chair-in-Waiting (second runner-up typically works as Co-Chair). The chair must step down for the entire

motion if they wish to speak. Will's rules clarification amendment was accepted (Chair can return to being Chair after motion discussion and vote). Motion PASSED with 2/3 majority.

Discussions

- None listed

Chair: Tori Auerhan

Co-Chair: Margaret Gorman

Secretary: Finlay McCracken