

## Town Meeting

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#### Precursors

- SAB – No.
- Staff Meeting – No.

#### Announcements

- Welcome Back! Happy 2014!
- Yes – many cold spots ... they are working on the boiler now.
- Vending Machines being replaced – Frank. New vending machines coming in from new vendor, healthier food.
- Second lockdown drill next week.

#### Motions

- None listed.

#### Discussions

- Laptop Use in Library Flex Room – Tori & Theresa. Motion to check out laptops to use in the Library Flex Room before break was changed to discussion and eventually TABLED. Theresa met w/Tori after that meeting and considered two of the suggestions that were in the discussion. Eleanor suggested only allowing checked out laptops in the room, as they see less damage – but that would require more monitoring by library staff. Theresa took up Salome's suggestion to give it a trial period, as the wifi access has changed the picture a bit since the ban was created.
- Superintendent and School Board are likely to require high school students to take at least one AP or IB course before graduation. This is designed to impact the achievement gap, as minority students are less likely to take those classes. Not a huge issue here, as we have open enrollment and students who are interested in AP classes simply take them. Mark disagrees, particularly for Special Needs students as they might struggle in the courses. Will sees this as a part of a growing trend of rules and regs and disagrees on the basis of it denying a freedom of choice to the students. There will also be a state requirement to have at least one online class, rolling out for the class of 2017. The requirement for AP/IB course would be put into effect for the 2015-2016 school year. The achievement gap previously mentioned is defined by the county through graduation rate and SOL scores.

Chair: Will Hubbert

Co-Chair: Finlay McCracken

Secretary: Eli Spiliotopoulos