

Town Meeting

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Precursors

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- SAB – AP class requirements were brought up, and a discussion about encouraging students to take AP classes. Specifically, W-L. Their Principal called all Seniors and encouraged them to sign up for an AP class. We should do this.
- Staff Meeting – No.

Announcements

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- Arlington-Aachen Exchange Information Meeting on Wednesday, 1/22. Details on scrolly.
- Les Miz is coming! Tickets on sale NOW – check it out. Buy them in Eleanor's room, buy soon, they're selling fast. Front row is the "action" row – get 'em now.
- Middle School Students! Afterschool Fun Club continues: Each Tuesday from 4 to 5:30. Sports, games, art, etc. Room 209 & Gym. Sponsored by Arlington Dept of Parks and Rec.
- Hot Chocolate Laboratory. Make your awesomest hot chocolate ever – then curl up with a book and enjoy. Shirlington Library, Thursday, 1/23, from 4:30 to 5:30.
- Student scheduling committee. No one has signed up! Interested in discussing some possibly *major* changes to the HBW schedule in the coming years? Want to have a voice in schedule changes under consideration? Sign up NOW – TM Board next to Main Office.

Motions

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- Outside Teacher \$ -- Faylinda. Bringing Sarah McDermitt to teach bookmaking and printmaking. The schedule is too tight for 3 days, so we are looking for money for a fourth day. \$200. Motion PASSED
- Outside Teacher \$ -- English Electives for 3rd Quarter. Three teachers, six classes, total. Deferred until an English teacher gets to Town Meeting. Eventually, an English teacher was found and there was a ball-park of \$1000 per class, for roughly \$6000 for the 3rd Quarter. It's mentioned that the Outside Teacher account can cover \$6K at this time, and the other proposals on the table, but after that we will be running at a historic low on the account. Motion PASSED
- Outside teacher \$ -- Bill. To bring in a teacher to teach faux painting. This person has already painted the Les Miz set and taught the Art and Theatre Tech to kids. Would like to provide compensation for supplies at \$300. Motion PASSED

Discussions

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- NHS tutoring – 3rd Quarter ideas/A new(ish) plan. The study session has been having very low numbers, so possibly Meghan's room would be set up as a kind of hub for NHS tutors, so that a teacher that might need some more help during a free block to teach students, they could get one of the NHS tutors to come and help out. Students could also go and help teachers during their Core+ blocks for their students. There was a problem with having students saying they would come to the study session and not showing up.
- Survey about splitting Middle and High School. Was there a survey going around to parents in the county about splitting HBW's Middle School and High School? There was a survey sent out this week to every head of PTA in Arlington about capacity issues. One question was about "decoupling" the Middle School and High School at HBW. Those who saw it felt it was a "push" survey. Right now the School Board is thinking about their plans for dealing with the large influx of Middle and High School students which are

coming. There are several different possibilities, and while HB Woodlawn is in play, it's not completely a positive indicator that something might happen to us. Our building is fairly old, has some issues. We tolerate it okay but others are not interested in moving here.

Chair: Will Hubbert

Co-Chair: Amanda Hayes

Secretary: Eli Spiliotopoulos