

Town Meeting

2-27-14

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Precursors

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- SAB – No.
- Staff Meeting – No.

Announcements

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- Teen Author Workshop, Shirlington Library TODAY from 4:30 to 5:30
- Edible Book Contest @ Shirlington and Cherrydale Libraries on Saturday.
- Scholastic Art Contest Winners @ the Central Library from March 3rd thru early April. Awards Ceremony at W-L on March 10th.
- NOVA Teen Book Festival @ W-L on March 8th. Marie Lu, Jon Skovron, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and MANY more. Register online for FREE.
- We WILL be in school on Monday, March 31st.
- 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.
- Middle School Dance *next* Friday, March 7th.
- GSA/QSA today at lunch in Francisca's room

Motions

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- Benefit Concert. On March 14th for the charity "Open International" for funding in a school in Senegal. Anyone can participate in the performing. Admission would be \$5-\$10 "suggested donation." There would be refreshments provided. Would be in the Cafeteria.

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Discussions

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- Renaming of the HBW Auditorium – began last week. Eleanor/Frank. Retabled while Eleanor gathers more from Drama/Humanities Dept.
- Discussion of Possible Upcoming Motion to Remove "De-Facto" Motions from Town Meeting Consideration. Theresa. Proposes removing certain kinds of motions from TM purview that a) are always approved, b) are generally "done" by the time they come to TM anyway (circulated handout with details and reasoning). Includes Dances, Clubs, Outside Teacher \$. Wastes time, undermines important purpose of TM. If things like dances and clubs don't go through Town Meeting then it could raise less awareness. People think that it forces the students who organize these events/clubs to be more organized with their clubs, also encourages students who don't come to Town Meeting often to come to Town Meeting. One of the things that makes HBW different because it gives students power to vote on these sort of things. Bridge the gap suggestion – require clubs must be announced at TM, same goes for dances, outside teacher money/budget section. Have a standard document that lets everyone at TM know if there will be any possible conflict. Possible just have one discussion day every month where we can talk about all dances, maybe arm wrestling. New schedule, if adopted, could mean fewer Town Meetings. Does having these motions under TM purview increase TM's power or undermine it? Is there a slippery slope here? Could we bring these motions to TM if there is conflict/questions, etc? Yes. Is Town Meeting really a good representation of the wishes of HBW students? Will be back in two weeks as possible motions or

further discussion. Motion to end discussion PASSED.

- Tom: CIP and what we possibly maybe could be doing more. At the CIP meetings when we talk to the public/decision makers the parents boast about how HILT and Stratford is part of our experience, how Middle/High are integrated and work together(?), if we're going to say if these are the things we value about HBW then we have to make it true. We are the school of the students. We have to try and make it welcoming to outside students who don't have the ability to go to school and have a film program, be in student directed-productions, etc, etc. Try and find chances of our own to invite outside students(?) We have to welcome outside students into our school. CIP stands for the Capital Improvement Plan. It has to do with the county spending money on how to improve school stuff in the county. If someone could come and report about how the last CIP meeting was that'd be lovely because there are people who would love to go to each of these meetings or them in general but just *don't have the time* to come to these meetings or watch the video or look at the PowerPoint online
- Block scheduling talk????? Noted in both of the discussions above that the students were livid over the proposed schedules, but no one thought to bring it to Town Meeting.

Chair: Will Hubbert

Co-Chair: Evan McLean

Secretary: Zoe Boyd

Chair-in-Waiting: Remy Kyle