

Town Meeting

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Precursors

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- SAB – General Budget: Langston Program, Elementary Library Assistants & iPads for Elem, Reading Buddies.
- Staff Meeting – “Stand-up” meeting. Details below.

Announcements

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- Scholastic Art Contest Winners @ the Central Library from March 3rd thru early April.
- “Gotta Gadget?” event at Central Library TODAY – 4-5:30. Help out those who need it, or get help with your device.
- We WILL be in school on Monday, March 31st.

Motions

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- Renaming of the HBW auditorium (previously tabled). Eleanor/Frank. The proposed name a combination of the names of the students who first integrated the school. Another part of this motion is turning the ticket booth into a pocket museum, the contents of which we might ask for from other museums. Proposed name: Deskins-Jones-Newman-Thompson. The ticket booth would not be an enterable museum, but one that would be looked into through the glass window. Motion PASSED
- Motion to set up a hiring committee for a Special ED teacher for HS Asperger's. The job will be posted next week and the interviews will be held around the first week of April. A sign will likely be posted outside the Main Office. Check the Town Meeting bulletin board for the sign up sheet, or ask Frank if interested. Motion PASSED

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Discussions

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- Retirements, plans for hiring. Frank. Three retirement announcements have been announced, Elly Kluge as of June 20th, Mary McBride as of August 10th, and Kelly DuBose (moving to Maine). Planning for interview committees, as well as celebrations. Lynn McKnight is relocating back to Florida, and that will be the first committee. The next position that will be posted is the Assistant Principal position that encompasses many different aspects of the job (rather than just fill the vacancy as-is). This advertisement will not go out until the last week of March or the first week of April. The job announcement will also involve teaching one class, does not have to be Social Studies. The job positions for teachers will most likely be going on during May. The hiring committees will be formed for them as soon as the jobs are posted.
- CIP Update – Frank. Small update, this past week the student group has written a letter and invited the School Board members to come and visit a Town Meeting. The invitation is for a Thursday during this next quarter of Spring. The parent CIP discussion group will meet again on Tuesday night. The student group is meeting weekly and will continue to report back to Town Meeting. Three proposals were discussed that involved HBW: a) one was to build an addition that would add 200 students and give Stratford more space, b) the second was to turn HBW into a larger comprehensive high school, c) the third was to build a comprehensive 600 student middle school on the tennis courts. Another proposal that was considered was building a Middle School at the Lubber Run site. There is a School Board meeting on March the 19th (?) with an update.

- “De-Facto” motions, continued. Theresa. Based on feedback from the last Town Meeting, to change the kind of motions that require TM approval to a re-formatting of TM. There would be a new kind of item, called Consent Items, that would usually be just put up for consent, such as school dances and outside teacher. Clubs would no longer need approval at Town Meeting; however they would be strongly encouraged to bring it to Town Meeting to announce. Outside Teacher fund requests usually are rubber stamps, as most fund requests are brought after they are checked to see if money is available. These consent items would be brought by an administrator, and announced. The need to get Town Meetings approval is a draw to Town Meeting, and causes the student to need to explain there case. One possible amendment is to add that if there is an objection, then a discussion would start as to that objection, if it was unanimous, then the item would pass without discussion. Another suggestion is that instead of an administrator, the students would either announce or have to be present at the announcement of their item. The deterrence of wasted time over motions that are always passed affects students who might otherwise participate in the discussions here.

Chair: Will Hubbert

Co-Chair: Margret Gorman

Secretary: Eli Spiliotopoulos

Chair-in-Waiting: none (?)