

Town Meeting

3-20-14

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Precursors

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- SAB – No.
- Staff Meeting – No.

Announcements

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- GSA @ Lunch in Francisca's Room.
- DIY – Make your own Duct Tape Wallet TODAY @ Westover Library from 3 to 5:30pm. Supplies (Duct Tape in fun colors and patterns) provided.
- We WILL be in school on Monday, March 31st. Additional snow day make-ups (???) TBA.
- Scholastic Art Contest Winners @ the Central Library from March 3rd thru early April. Five students have made it to the National level, and will be honored at Carnegie Hall on June 6th. See Scrolly TV.
- Pride and Prejudice goes up Thursday through Saturday.

Motions

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- Abolish Chair-in-Waiting. Chair-in-Waiting is a silly position that undermines the impartiality. It makes the Chair and Co-Chair positions less effective. It makes Town Meeting slow to set up. Chair-in-Waiting is so that our few common Chair-People can contribute to the discussion. Counterpoint: we can teach more people to be Chairs so that there are fewer conflicts like this. Robert's Rules really emphasizes impartiality. When someone volunteers to be Chair, they should know what's on the agenda and make a choice. Finlay argues that he can be Chair and remain impartial as he speaks on a motion. Others disagree. Margaret states that it is confusing and slows Town Meeting when leadership is constantly flip-flopping. Motion changes by-laws, needs 2/3 to pass. Motion PASSED

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Discussions

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- CIP Update – Frank. There was a meeting last night. Elementary school renovations are on the table. Many of these schools are being increased by 500 students. Next week is the Middle/High School proposal night. Some controversy over the weekend: HBW PAC documents were pulled from the website because the county stated that "advocacy" documents are not allowed on individual school sites. Only HBW's webpage was affected, not webpage of W-L, for example, which had a statement of support for our program. It feels like HBW was targeted. Speakers at this meeting should attend upcoming county meetings. We should refocus our dialogue: talk about transparency in the CIP. Does HBW have a seat at the table? No, but all schools in the system feeling left out at the moment. HBW feels frustrated, not targeted. Language is important. Many schools are not being heard: we are not the only school that feels frustrated. This is not an HBW specific problem, it is a system problem: all the schools are being impacted. Maybe we should have more input on this process?
- Allocation Timeline. Frank. We have the preliminary funding. It's good! On the first Thursday in April we will have a meeting where we look at funding and interest. When we come back from Spring Break, on the 24th there will be a meeting for finalizing our staffing. It looks like no positions will be cut. Maybe there will be some extra funds?

Chair: Finlay McCracken

Co-Chair: Ellie Avery

Secretary: Will Hubbert

Chair-in-Waiting: none (?)