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Precursors

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- SAB – We talked about the CIP. Two of the three options previously listed seem to be unfeasible. The only “likely” option is a 500 seat addition onto HBW’s building with a new program on the property. This info comes from Noah Simon.
- Staff Meeting – Hiring Committees, Allocation & Junetime. We had our first hiring committees and discussed our timeline for announcing vacancies. We also discussed Junetime and we still need proposals for classes. Interested students should submit proposals!

Announcements

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- Open meeting TODAY @ lunch in room 305 to discuss Social Studies Department changes as a result of Mary and Elly’s retirement. Be there!
- International Dinner TONIGHT – tickets \$10 today and \$12 tonight. 7-9pm. Wonderful opportunity to see all that our community offers.
- Auditions for Biloxi Blues – April 8th through April 11th. See signs or Noah Harrington for info.
- Auditions for Middle School Talent Show TODAY @ lunch
- THIS is Ally Week. Stand up for those in the LGBTQSA community. Tomorrow is the “Day of Silence.”
- Summer Teen Expo on Saturday @ W-L from 11am to 2pm. Over 60 employers there looking to hire or seeking interns.
- Ultimate Frisbee continues. Every Monday and Friday as long as the weather holds.
- CIP: One last dance. Abby Raphael joined us this morning (applause). Her remarks: Although nothing is “officially off the table” yet, the School Board has no plans to fundamentally alter HBW. We started with a plan with only physical considerations: where could we add seats? Now we are moving to more “educational” considerations, such as the incredible value of this program. It seems like leased space is unlikely, because no viable space has been found for a price that matches county budget. Something “new” on the table is the possibility of moving us to the Reed building. The next big meeting is April 23rd, but the School Board is having a meeting tonight. Finally, on June 17th they will hold the final vote.

Motions

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- TM information board outside Library – Lizzie Nelson. We should have some sort of TM space where motions can be posted right outside the library, along with the basic rules of TM. Could this replace the TM board next to the Main Office? We should have a whiteboard in the Middle School space. This is not the end-all, fix-all for TM attendance, but a way to get more attention and bring the focus to where TM really happens. The motion is to have two whiteboards: One outside the library and another outside Casey’s office that would be updated with motions IN PLACE of the TM board. Motion PASSED unanimously.
- H-B Woodlawn Writers Society. Zoe Boyd. We need a safe environment for writers at HBW. We need to meet once a week during lunch (probably during Wednesday) and every other week. Tom Mallan is our sponsor. Could you come back to TM with dates and such? Yes, certainly. Suggestion to look at other dates than Wednesdays, as those are often crowded with meetings. Motion PASSED unanimously.
- Model UN club. Rhys Davies. We’ve tried in the past to establish this club, but it’s always failed. I’ve done a lot of research, and there are plenty of conferences where we could attend along the Coast next fall. Students are in favor of this: Model UN is tons of fun! We would meet after school for an hour and a half. There would be a limit of how many students could attend, but we would in practicality never reach that limit. We don’t want to do our own event: they’re hard to run and we couldn’t do too many each year. Could we do a conference before the end of the year? No, but we should still hold interest meetings. We need a teacher sponsor? Motion PASSED unanimously.

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Discussions

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- "De-Facto" motions – discussion continued! ☺ Theresa Flynn. My proposal is to no longer require clubs to go through Town Meeting and to add consent items to our agenda. I looked to the School Board for inspiration! Each consent item presented, questions answered. The chair would ask if there are any objections. If there were no objections then the motion would pass by default (no vote).
- PAC funding. Will Hubbert. There was something at the PAC mtg about giving some of the No Sweat money to Stratford. No under TM's purview, but we can discuss. The PAC passed a proposal to give money to Stratford for their use. It is a few hundred dollars. ☺ Stratford is a tiny group of parents: they can't raise the same amount of money as HBW can. Even though this has passed, there is another motion in PAC about giving a fixed amount of money to Stratford each year. Speakers were overwhelmingly in favor of this. Stratford is part of the larger HBW community, and we should support them.
- TM Twitter? Margaret Gorman. As Will said, we need more ways to increase TM attendance: maybe a Twitter feed chronicling the doings of Town Meeting. How do we prevent controversial Tweets? Does this even have to go through TM? After all, no one can stop someone from making a Twitter feed. Do we need to have some sort of PR person who screens Tweets? This would also be a Twitter feed that wouldn't be commentary: it would be mostly objective. This should be advertisement: easy to understand and with some sort of hook. How would we maintain the password? Could the Twitter feed/password be monitored by Journalism? Theresa is iffy – Tweets are the antithesis of what she has been striving for this year in Journalism – Tweets are, by their nature, superficial and short and "instant." Journalism has been focusing on re-writing and depth.

Chair: Max Stempniewicz

Co-Chair: Finlay McCracken

Secretary: Will Hubbert