

Town Meeting

5-22-14

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Precursors

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- SAB – No.
- Staff Meeting – No.

Announcements

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- SOLs NEXT Week. Special Schedule. See website/posted signs/scroll TV for info.
- The library will be CLOSED all mornings next week. The library will be CLOSED Friday afternoon next week. There will be NO laptop loans until testing is complete. The library will open between testing sessions if you wish to check out a book. ALL BOOKS ARE DUE JUNE 6th (This is important, due to a switch in library software. Books returned late may stay on record until the Fall.)
- Literary Magazine on sale NOW! See Scrolly for details.
- Teen Network Board is looking for interns. Deadline to submit an application is June 1st. Check out details on Scrolly.
- Girls' Firefighter Camp this summer – free! If you are interested in learning about firefighting or EMT work, get info from Fatima or Theresa.
- Upcoming School Board Meetings and Action on CIP. Tom says to "go and be heard."
- Two upcoming Film events, including Countywide Film Festival – juried! And "Festive" impromptu film creation. Come and support Film in this County. On June 6th and 7th (Here!)

Consent Items

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- Outside Teacher Request by Carl for commissioning a new band piece. \$2500 for a down-payment on a guy for 2016. He's that good. Hope there is balance of payment in next year's PAC funds. (AGREED TO)
- Blanket approval for all hiring committees needed between now and August. We often have teachers leave in June/July unexpectedly. (AGREED TO)
- Room Committee approval. May need to repurpose trailers, some people need/want to move due to change in assignment/room size, etc. Meeting on Tuesday, 6/3 @ lunch in the Library (AGREED TO)

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Motions

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- Zentangle Mural, Middle School Art – Students and Faylinda. Underneath the windows of the Middle Earth Lab. Middle School students showed sample of their work. Motion PASSED unanimously.
- Senior Wall Location. To the left of Main Entrance when entering. Over the clinic. Frank asked that the Clinic sign be temporarily removed so that it is not painted on and that drop-cloths be used. He also reminded folks to consider appropriateness and make every effort not to be offensive. Background painted June 14th & 15th (Yellow to Orange) and quotes June 16th and 17th. Reminder to students that they should plan on the size of an open Manila folder for their work. Motion PASSED
- Movie Night Fundraiser – Helena W. For Sophomore Class. Like Scream on the Green (same location/set-up). Will be looking at PG-13 films. 7-9pm. Motion PASSED

Discussions

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- Dance Letter – Eleanor. Chaperones are dropping out because teachers are uncomfortable with grinding. Read the following letter, drafted by the teachers:

Dear Seniors,

We are looking forward to the prom you are hosting, but we would like to offer a suggestion about music.

As you might know, many teachers have stopped chaperoning dances over the last few years, as the quality of dancing has often been, how shall we say, a little to “grindy” for our taste. We also submit, that it is not only us fuddy-duddy old grownups who are bothered by this, but also, some of your very own classmates, your grade and in the grades below that are uncomfortable by dances that are continually made up of songs that are only or mostly, ahem, grindable.

We would like to enjoy being at your dances, and we would like to have all students feel that there is some comfort there for them.

We suggest the following

1. Songs with no explicit lyrics.
2. No songs that are extended dance mixes.
3. At least every half hour one or two dances that are a group or “jumpy*” dance, like the “Wobble” or “Dynamite,” or even an oldie like “Shout.” Some sort of dance that is a deliberate step away from house or techno, and all things “grindy.”

We hope you will consider accepting these suggestions and sharing them with your DJ, as well as letting them guide your musical selections for the evening.

Affectionately, but not in a gross dancey way,

Your teacher(s)

*We love it when you all jump up and down, and we refer to that as a “jumpy” dance.

- Discussion: Please use non-explicit versions of songs/radio-edit songs as expectation. For every three “grindy” song, one non-grindy song, every half hour a group dance. Could we put this on the back of the dance form so that chaperones know the expectations? Don’t make it a rule or blacklist songs. Frank would like us to continue discussing this.

Chair: Marie Johnson

Co-Chair: Margaret Gorman

Secretary: Theresa Flynn