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Precursors

- SAB - elected chairs, new initiative, whole child, mental health of children
- Staff meeting - no staff meeting, dave, "it was great" on tuesday, the whole child, teachers can make connections with students so they are involved and engaged, high school

Announcements

- BLPC Wilson -how we get to the right size? Size, they want. Could get a worse school with more space, we got 80 million dollars, steal is more expensive, now 90 mil, architects want more money, Wakefield was 50ish. Bigger than Rosslyn.

Motions

- Turkey Bowl Schedule-cricket, schedule, pigeon and chicken, Monday, G and TA, Tuesday dave wants to switch B and TM, then only cancel G block. Eleanor objects. Students don't want this, motion doesn't pass.
- Scrabble Club (Meghan), after school H-5:00 on Thursday. Passed unanimously
- Leftover Love-there is a lot of food thrown out. We should reuse food for people who want it. Food that hasn't been eaten or unwrapped, collect this food and give to the 12 homeless people, she brought it to TM if there were any objections, Liz likes it. How will it not look like a trash bin. Stationary with signs to tell people what it is.
- Spirit Weeks- two weeks, nine days over three weeks,

pj day, tropical Tuesday, decades day, among others, holiday day, what up, all holidays may be represented. It's shorter for more participation. Question by Dave, frat boy costume accepted by society, bring your red cup day. Should we accept drinking by frat boys, should we endorse it? Frat boy doesn't condone drinking but is more of a parody of the dressing. No red cup frat boy Friday? There are other aspects of frat boy culture that should not be accepted. As a community, we are not driven by rules, but morals. We should never promote behavior that is harmful. Sammy asks if frat boys really do these things, he need confirmation. It's strange, do we condone tropical living or living in space, it seems like there is a. Nobody rode a horse to school. There were requests for the day. Aiden thinks it's knee jerk. For Nathaniel, the satirical ideas are obvious, think about the Middle Schoolers though. Eleanor thinks that it stereotypes a there are positive aspects of it. There could be more clever costumes. Have you considered other things. Graham follows guidelines, he will take out red solo cups. This spirit day is based on ridicule. This is a generalization. If we have a problem with the name then, what will it change. Motion to close the speakers list. There is a time and place with everything, it appeals to students more than teachers. During the day, we should probably not do things like this. Motion passed with one objection

- Turkey Bowl - Tabled

Discussions

Park Clean-up- Dave likes park clean ups! Question about turkey bowl, off topic. If students wants a turkey bowl. While we are tossing out random discussions, we should talk about schedules. Are we switching? Will we go back? Does it automatically go back? Nana thought it was a default to continue. No serious

problems. She was going to bring it up next week. Teachers can bring it up, feel free. Moving in.

8:20 to 8:30 - traffic cause of other schools. Kids need more sleep. Student may not take a shower if he doesn't have that extra 10 minutes. People are late to 8:20. If you're late to 8:20 because of traffic, then leave earlier. We shouldn't move it later because, we may have to move later. Would it cut into instructional time. There would be less buffer time. 8:20 is better when you leave late traffic wise. If a teacher wants it later, it is their session. If you have a difficult class, then you should have time. Eleanor thinks that is bettering dc it. Do we want the buffer? b block is much shorter. The extra time has weird gray area. We should reduce gray. Traffic does not decrease through ballston metro corridor. the reason the traffic fluctuates, is the school. Julia has been late, she goes from south Arlington. Nana wonders when it would start and when it would end. Late ic between 8:20 and 8:30. If there is a buffer time, then you shouldn't be counted late with traffic. People choose 8:20 and should be there when it is designated. What is the role of 8:20? You could not take the electives, 8:20 will be less viable. Tabled.

Chair: Emma Siegel

Co-Chair: Brooke Tanner

Secretary: Evan McLean