

Town Meeting

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Precursors

- SAB – Nominations still open. All nominations are self-nominations and they close on the 22nd when voting will take place.
- Staff Meeting – Casey reported that at Wednesday's staff meeting they discussed lock-down procedures, back-to-school-night and TAs.

Announcements

- none

Consent Items

- Hannah Stork announced plans for a charity based arts club which would donate profits from sales/and or art creations to different charities. Tom is allowing his room to be used. Consent given.

Motions

- Faylinda requested funds for a professional model for the visual arts classes. She said that students in those classes study drawing human form, a required skill for continuing art students. A professional model is a professional and therefore much easier for the students to work with. She asked for 10 ½ day visits for a total of \$600. Marie spoke about how helpful the model had been in class when she took it two years ago. A teacher asked if requesting outside teacher money wasn't a consent item, but Casey answered that she believed it had been considered but kept as a motions item. She then confirmed that there was money available. Motion passed.
- Tom requested funding for two guest artists to assist in this year's middle school production. He spoke about how this had been done two years ago for "Henry VI" and how effective the then 3 guest artists had been. He now wants to hire Josh Rosenblum and Mary Myers for \$900 each (total \$1800). Liz spoke about how fabulous and professional the production of "Henry VI" had been. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING WAS INTERRUPTED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THE MEMORY OF SEPTEMBER 11.

- Margaret Gorman spoke about the school Action Team and their proposal to organize the yearly ASPAN fund-raising walk on October 14 with a rain date of October 28 to be held during TA. The group is a service organization that is part of Volunteers of America and receives support from the Major League Baseball association. They work shifts at the food bank and perform other service activities. Kris Kappmeyer is their sponsor and they had sign-up sheets available for anyone to join them. Motion passed.

Discussions

- Computer labs (or lack there of): Various students spoke about there no longer being lab space available (both the Middle Earth Lab and the "Sandbox" are now gone) and complained that the library was often not available. Margaret said that the library was always available but that teachers had the option of reserving the assigned lap-top tables. Casey reminded everyone that 6th and 9th graders would soon have their own devices and talked about teachers always being able to reserve either the library or the business lab during certain blocks. Jennifer asked about scheduling lab times. Meghan asked for guidance for new students about where to go to use computers. Graham then said that students should go to the technology link from the school's home page which explained where things were available and said that the school was close to a 1 – to – 1 ratio of devices for students. Casey reminded everyone that the library had laptops that were for use in the library and others that were available for short-time loans.
- Ellie said that the orange instruction forms attached to the Town Meeting white board still have Theresa's email address and instructions. She also asked what had happened to "Verbum Sap Sat." Margaret Gorman said she was hoping to start a journalism club soon.
- Two sixth graders, Adam and Rachel, spoke about wanting the library open after school to do homework and study. They said they had a group of about 15 friends who were willing to fund raise through bake

sales, sports activities or games nights to staff the after-hours. People spoke about how the library had been kept open last year with volunteers, but Graham said that the average attendance during those hours had been one student. Jennifer asked about late busses and Graham said they come on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30. Tom said that if this new "gang" wanted to make the library their "turf," that we should try to make it happen. Caroline Greenhalgh suggested the Cherrydale library as an alternative until it was certain how many students were actually interested. Lizzie then asked Adam how many students were interested and he said he thought about 15. Carl asked if it was space or resources that was most important, and Adam answered resources (they wanted to be able to use computers, but that doing homework without being bothered by sisters and brothers was also very important). Margaret mentioned that other students besides these 6th graders had asked about after-hour use of the library and Kris asked when the next PAC meeting was and could funds or volunteers be requested. Graham said the next meeting was on Tuesday and that he would bring it up.

- Maryrose talked about wanting to start a Skyrim Club. She explained that even though it was a computer-based game, the at-school club would be for talking about the game and its related activities. Julie Dickson has agreed to sponsor and they would meet on Wednesday afternoons. The discussion became a consent item which was approved.

Chair: Evan "The Detective" McLean

Co-Chair: Erin "Black Box Queen" Lammie

Secretary: Ellie "The Bird" Avery