

## Town Meeting

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#### Precursors

- SAB – Casey announced the winners: (all women!): Senior class: Margaret Gorman and Lizzie Nelson; Junior class: Salome Gongadze and Marie Johnson; Sophomore class: Sophia Anderson and Chloe Dillon; Freshman class: Avery Dick and Brynn Kabiri
- Staff Meeting – No staff meeting this week

#### Announcements

- Adam spoke about the library now being open after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays.
- Casey gave a CIP update saying that a survey is going out to the HB community about possible options and said people should check the More Seats for More Students website.
- Casey announced that the auditorium has new seats (!) and added that it looks beautiful.
- Casey read aloud Theresa's thank you note for the H-B donation to the Animal Welfare League in lieu of a rocking chair.

#### Consent Items

- Hannah Stork's Support the Arts Club was repeated from last meeting.
- Margaret G spoke about starting a journalism club to replace "Verbum Sap Sat." Liz will be the sponsor.
- Dan proposed a guitar club to meet in his room during lunch on Thursdays – bring your own stringed instrument.
- Marie spoke about the junior class selling popcorn made in the school popcorn machine on Fridays during TA. Questions came up about type and cost: regular and probably about 25cents
- All items approved

#### Motions - none

#### Discussions

- People are wondering about color printing, given that Nekya's classes are going on in the room where the printer is located. Eleanor said that Teri had recently talked about creating a printing station in the small office adjoining her office.
- Town Meeting white board: Margaret S said that the white board was being used for graffiti and not for TM business. Margaret G suggested sectioning the board and making it look more official. Carol suggested returning to the paper and pencil method, with the paper posted outside the main office. A student suggested putting the board inside the library. Zoe commented that the posted paper had always been ignored which was why they had switched to a white board. A discussion started about the possibility of using email or social media for TM, but this wasn't a popular idea. Bill observed that open space such as the white board was always both a blessing and a curse and suggested that we should "Zhoozh" (!) it up and make it look less like a normal white board. Marie said more announcements should be made promoting Town Meeting so that students would take it more seriously and not treat it like a free block. Carol asked why there had to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> board downstairs since no one seemed to use it, but Casey said that Frank checked both regularly. Jennifer said the one outside the library had been placed too low and needed to be raised to eye level. General consensus seemed to be that the white board outside the library should be partitioned to show its seriousness and that it should be given time to work the way it was intended.
- Margaret S said the library wanted to move its "Read and return" shelves into the corridor outside the library to allow greater access and encourage more reading. These are books that are not part of the library circulation system and do not need to be checked out. Response was favorable and Eleanor said it reminded her of the neighborhood book boxes that have been in the news. Carol mentioned that the library was also building a "View and return" collection of videos that people could borrow from or contribute to.
- Eleanor brought up the new (beautiful and wonderful!) seats in the auditorium and said she thought they deserved care in order to last. Unlike the old wooden seats, the new ones are padded and covered with fabric, so they need to be protected from spills, etc. Zoe, Margaret G and Erin suggested various rules (no food or drink except water, no climbing over seats, no writing on seats, etc). Neal talked about such rules being ignored elsewhere, and Jennifer suggested we put up a nice sign and trust it to "verbum sap sat" like we do for other things. Bill said he was excited about the new seats and the new feel to the

auditorium and said how painful it had been last year during the (sad) opening of "Les Mis" to hear M & Ms being eaten and soda cans opened. He said that musical and dramatic performances were more pleasing acoustically without competition from chips. Casey suggested passing out lollipops before middle school events in the auditorium. Eleanor said we can't assume good manners but that we have to teach and encourage them. She suggested both signs and PSA video lessons that maybe the film classes could produce and show during TA (especially to younger students). She said that she and Tom had discussed the possibility of selling custom designed water bottles and encouraging their use and reuse, and during the ensuing discussion, Danny researched the idea and said we could design and purchase aluminum water bottles for \$3-4 and sell them at a profit as souvenirs. Margaret G asked about exceptions to food rules for seniors to throw candy on the first day of school, etc., and Erin answered that there could be exceptions but that care should be taken. Bill then talked about having a "going out of business sale" for the remaining box of portable seat cushions and said they would be half-price and wonderful collector items!

- Rachel said that this was only her 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> town meeting, but that she wanted to know how 6<sup>th</sup> graders could be more involved. Lizzie and Margaret G told her that everyone was so happy the sixth graders were showing such interest and that they should just keep coming and speaking up.
- Neal said he was hoping HB would have a talent show. Margaret G told him to make a plan, find a sponsor, and bring it to the consent part of Town Meeting.
- Daniel said he wanted to start a Dungeons and Dragons club and he was told to do the same.

Chair: Lizzie Nelson

Co-Chair: Adam S.

Secretary: Erin L.