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Precursors

SAB - no meetings yet

Staff Meeting - October 13 is a day off only for students. Staff will have a Professional Development Day. They also discussed the Student Crisis Team and Frank wanted students to know of the team and that there are counselors available in the building every day. Arlington Police's Youth Resource Officer Jim Tuomey is also part of the team. Mid-term interims will be posted on the 14th; only 6th graders will get paper copies, unless there is a special need. ASPAN walk will take place during TA on the 14th. They also talked about teacher evaluations, the No Sweat committee and problems in the Bamboo Forest, and the letter read during A block yesterday from Frank was discussed. The concern is for the safety and welfare of the students, and the goal is not to punish anyone, but to stop the activity and get help for students who need it. One worry is renewed negative exposure of H-B to the greater Arlington community.

Announcements

A new Dungeons and Dragons club will meet after school on Mondays.

Library is now open after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There is some concern that attendance is too low, but a group of 6th graders is working on ways to encourage greater attendance.

"Mousetrap" opens tonight in the Black Box.

Students Against Sexual Violence now meeting on Fridays at lunchtime in Jennifer's room.

Consent Items

The senior class is proposing to run a seminar during TA on Tuesday(s) to explain Town Meeting procedures, history, etc. Rhys questioned the need for it and suggested that attendance by itself would be the best teacher but consent was given.

Bill Van Evera requested \$150 in outside teacher funds to pay geologist Joshua Burton (sp?) to accompany Bill and Shawn's classes on the Billy Goat Trail rock walk. Consent given.

Motions - none

Discussions

PAC Co-chair Laura Saul Edwards and PAC Chair of the Capacity Committee Kristen Colston give a presentation on the current proposals under consideration for the CIP. A survey is now out seeking H-B community opinions on various options, including relocation to the "Reed School" property in Westover and the "Wilson School" property in Rosslyn. There is a community meeting tonight at Williamsburg and H-B students were encouraged to attend. In answer to a question, Kristen said that there were no students currently on the H-B Capacity Committee, but that any student who wanted to participate would be welcome. Her email address is Kristenmcolston@gmail.com if anyone would like further information. They suggested students and staff check the "More Seats for More Students" icon on the APS homepage, and they assured doubters that a decision really would (most likely) be made in December and not postponed as it was last year.

Chair: Margaret

Co-Chair: Adam

Secretary: Niles