

Town Meeting

10-9-14

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Precursors

SAB - first meeting scheduled for tonight.

Staff Meeting - none

Announcements

A seminar about Town Meeting to be run by seniors who have regularly attended to be held during TA on Tuesday, 10/21.

Consent Items

Alana requested outside teacher funding (\$500) for a “Bystander Intervention” workshop for about 50 students sponsored by Students Against Sexual Violence to be held during the beginning of November (possibly during H block and after school) and led by a representative from the “Collective Action for Safe Spaces,” a DC based organization. Discussion ensued: Jennifer G asked why this wasn’t a motion, but attendees responded that it should remain a consent item unless there was opposition. Tom asked about how the workshop would be tailored; Alana answered that it would be well-customized for HB. Jennifer questioned the large monetary amount for a single event, especially compared to more moderate requests for other events. Casey responded to a direct question about funds saying that she and Frank had been discussing ways to standardize allotments given the limited amount of available funds. Tom spoke about a group he had wanted to bring in with a desegregation presentation but had decided against as their fee was too high. Casey proposed bringing it back to TM again next week when she would have an exact figure regarding available funds. Jennifer suggested student group consider fund raising to offset some of funds needed. Topic tabled until next week.

Helena and Julia proposed a Middle School Halloween Dance for October 24 but said they were still waiting on a required administrator and hoping for Graham. They were bringing it to TM today because of the two-week requirement. Discussion: Christy reminded them that most of the 8th graders would be gone on a TA sponsored Corn Maze event. Seniors said they knew but it wasn’t important as few 8th graders normally attend. Casey spoke about low attendance at most middle school dances, questioning the advisability of continuing the same pattern. Dave asked about possibility of Saturday night, and others spoke about various ways to improve attendance, including changing the time to 6 - 8. Lizzie said matter now needed to be a motion. Discussion continued with new dates/themes proposed (“Fall Dance”), proposed dates for Fall Formal mentioned, and Bill reminded TM of Music Dept’s spaghetti dinner scheduled for Monday, Nov. 3 (school off on 4th). Question called and motion failed to pass. To be reintroduced later with more concrete planning.

Motions

Halloween dance - see above

Halloween Schedule: Frank proposed canceling TA on Tuesday, 10/28 and holding B block at that time and then cancelling B & C on Friday (Halloween) for double activity block, followed by the rest of a regular Friday schedule. Tom reminded TM that the year’s first film festival had been planned for that Tuesday’s TA, and Emma said that seniors with Nov. 1 college application deadlines were counting on that TA time. Frank then suggested tabling the decision until next week and revising proposed schedule changes; that motion passed.

Discussions

CIP: Margaret attended county meeting last week where possible building sites were discussed. She said that attendees were generally opposed to the relocation of HB to the Reed School property. General discussion about pros and cons of different ideas: Frank said that the architects were due to reveal their proposed designs for the various sites within the next few weeks. Dave spoke about the importance of Frisbee fields to HB and encouraged attendance at tonight’s school board meeting. Zoe asked Frank about the “understood” opposition to a high-rise school building at the Wilson site, and Frank answered that the HB community last spring had concentrated on the principle of keeping HB intact as a combined middle and high school program

together with Stratford. Eleanor suggested a theme of “Right Size, Right Facility” as a rallying slogan and there was general agreement.

Chair: Adam

Co-Chair: Mary-Rose

Secretary: Neal