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Precursors

- SAB - none
- Staff meeting - none

Announcements

- Rachel spoke: Not many students have been attending, so the library is now closed after school.
- Trick or Treat for Unicef: the library will coordinate fund raising efforts and distribute boxes in light of the dire medical needs currently in Africa.
- Dave Soles will hold a symposium on ebola in the auditorium during TA on Friday. H-B alum and recent Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone, Michael Gibbs, will speak.

Consent Items

- Tom requested \$650 for two more teaching artists for the MS play ("Lysistrata"), which now more than 1/3 the middle school is involved in. \$150 to go to a mask workshop and the rest to a faux painting expert who worked on "Les Mis" last year. Casey reminded TM of last meeting's discussion/agreement that outside teachers should receive no more than \$200/day. Tom's requests within this as painting artist would probably be here several days. Consent given.
- Lizzie spoke for Alana regarding \$250 request for "Bystander Intervention." Casey spoke again about above limit, so item tabled once more.

Motions

- Tori proposed a senior class Halloween maze to be constructed on the lower field or auditorium.
 - o Lengthy discussion ensued: Eleanor expressed concern about new seats, Dave about the field and interference with Frisbee. Many questioned logistics (how, when), cost, (\$5). Motion reformulated: Maze to be constructed and run on Thursday night (approx. 6 - 10pm) and during double activity block on Halloween, keeping in mind all concerns.
 - o Motion passed.
- Casey proposed a morning double block on Halloween during normal B & C blocks. Conversation followed concerning whether to cancel TA on Tuesday or maybe Friday - both determined to be bad ideas, or whether to hold double block at end of day.
 - o Motion called and defeated
 - o Bill made new motion to Cancel TA and G for double block then accepted amendment to cancel E and TA and end day with G after double block.
 - o Final schedule proposed: A, B, C, Lunch, D, Double Bock, G. Motion Passed.

Discussions

- Laura Saul Edwards and Kristen Colston returned to report on the CIP working meeting on Tuesday night and the School Board meeting last night. Their definite impression is that board members are leaning towards moving H-B, either to the Westover or the Wilson site. H-B needs to see this as a new beginning rather than a loss and to decide what it wants to present as its requests/visions for a new building. They said that they are confident that the board understands that keeping our program intact (including HILT and Stratford) and our size small are vitally important. Less clear is their understanding of how important Frisbee is, so H-B community needs to make that clear.
 - o Both sites offer advantages - near public transportation, shops, etc.
 - o H-B Community meetings will take place this Saturday (10/25) 1 - 3pm in the cafeteria and again on Monday afternoon during and after lunch.

- o Community needs to publicize Frisbee concerns.
 - o Encourage more people to sign H-B petition online.
 - o Check out “More Seats for More Children” link on APS website (has some architectural plans, etc.)
 - o New facility expected to open September 2019.
 - o Final decision expected on December 18.
- Casey said that she didn’t think any decision should as yet be seen as inevitable because the board and the greater Arlington community had not examined all the ramifications of different decisions.
 - Eleanor said our energies should now go into fighting what is still uncertain - like the importance of Frisbee. She said no one would consider rebuilding/moving Wakefield without taking the football field into consideration.
 - Cecilia said it was important to calculate and publicize the large portion (percentage wise) of the H-B student population involved in Frisbee.
 - Bennett mentioned how important the tradition of wall signatures had been to him as a new student, and there was general agreement that space for continuing the tradition had to be incorporated into any new building.
 - Margaret S. mentioned that only current 6th and 7th graders would be moving into any new building, so it is important to get them and their parents involved in the community debate.

Chair: Margaret G.

Co-Chair: Adam

Secretary: Erin