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Precursors

- SAB: no meeting
- Staff Meeting: 3rd Quarter Grades, BLPC

Casey talked about the BLPC process for faculty representatives and design possibilities for the new building.

Announcements

- Frank made an announcement about an evening dedication on February 12 in the auditorium. The 4 African-American individuals who integrated Stratford Junior High in 1959 have been invited and there will be performances from choir, instrumental and drama students. He also mentioned that during February we will celebrate: the Right to Protest. The social studies classes will take the lead. Dan's class has already started.
- BLPC Nominations: Casey talked about the BLPC self-nomination process for students. This will begin Monday.
- Following Year Schedule: Frank told us about the superintendent's new schedule for the following school year and told us about elongated breaks. There will be no school on Columbus Day and 2 weeks for Winter Break. Go to the APS web site to give feedback. Dave asked about a different staff development day and Frank said election day/Nov. 3 would be a day for that.
- New SS teacher: Dan introduced a new social studies student teacher, Ron, who will be teaching 7th and 11th grade classes.

Consent Items - none

Motions - none

Discussions

- Dave Soles proposed a break in the March schedule with an all school field trip or "in house" extended TA. He suggested a trip to the Natural History Museum. Casey liked the general idea and suggested working on a community service project. Eleanor was concerned with the timing because of the need to focus on academic content. However, she also liked the idea of having teachers stationed in a Mall Museum and having students move around the Mall. She suggested the day before Spring Break as an option. Paul was also concerned about the timing due to the AP testing dates. However he, too, likes field trips. He asked if the day after Spring Break was a teacher work day. Yes, it is. He then mentioned that some other schools have a Break in December and another Winter Break. Carl said that it is an important focused time for learning. He supports a more limited break of a few hours. Dave suggested that if we don't use the built in Snow Days that we could cash those in. Paul suggested the Zoo as a possible destination.

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Co-Chair: Margaret Gorman

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