

# Town Meeting

## 05/02/19

Chair: Brooke

Co-chair: Henry H

Secretary: Paine

### **Precursors:**

SAB:

Staff Meeting: Not held.

Class Meetings: Senior Class will be distributing apparel to TA soon.

### **Announcements:**

Community Day

- Follow up community day meeting at Jennifer's room Friday @ Lunch (for

student leaders + adults who would like to come)

## Allocation Delay

- Moved to May 9th <sup>TM</sup>, no final numbers from Supt. Patrick Murphy, unfortunate since AP Exams are that morning, we will not be able to have full student body present, absentee ballots may be given.

## TEDX

- SAB in partnership with the Arlington County Board is hosting TEDx Youth @ APS at the end of the month, HB has one representative, theme is Diversity + Transitions, conference is May 24th from 10-1, @ WL Auditorium

## **Motions:**

### Theater Hiring Committee

Casey: Establish a committee to establish a new theatre teacher, 1.0 position, paper will

be placed outside the main office and interested people can sign up there, names will be drawn if capacity is reached.

Interviews could be @ the end of the week next week, but also into the week of May 13th. They would teach 3 MS Theatre and Theatre 1-2, 3-4 and Tech Theatre classes.

\*Motion passes\*

### **Discussions:**

Upcoming move

Casey - Wanted to keep everyone updated, parking lot was not completed, hope it is completed by August of 2019, thanks for everyone to sticking with the process, let's continue to be respectful of elevator use and let people who need it use it before those who do not.

Transitions committee have been talking about the last day of school, it will be the

usual last day w/ assembly, but as it is our last day at this building, if anyone has any ideas we could take student input.

Rebekka: Could make some sort of time capsule and give it to Hamm MS, and they can put it into a part of the building as part of our legacy.

Dave S: Elevator Use - Happening a lot at my end of the building, at the new building there will be 7 spots, we should set one aside for the Stratford Community, make it possible for floors 4-6 as an example to not be used/get off at, like certain elevators can use different floors, in ranges of 3-4 floors.

“Is it possible for us to pick which floors they go to” - Question for Construction People

Henry H: They just closed the stairwell and those who have science wing to west wing transitions, they have been “thrown into disarray” with the closure of the stairwell, but at the new building it shouldn’t stick out as much as it does right now.

Dave: We should have something in place for the last day of school, we gotta do something. Big moment, should be planned, like last day stickers or something.

Rebekka: Night before the last day of next school year, in the Heights, planning Night of Mayhem

Sam: This could potentially turn into a “sob fest”, so we could send letters or such to every student coming into this building, we could make it into a positive thing, well wishes and that kind of words.

Student on the Couch: We should send some to siblings of current students and have some sort of methodology.

Jennifer: We could do a goodbye letter to the building with sharpies, since the walls are going to be painted over, we are just saying goodbye to the BUILDING, not the program, I think there is some drywall space available.

Reina: We could do some sort of all school project, something with wax or silk canvas, some geometric.

Dave: Maybe an art teacher or someone could make 800 colorful post it notes, like a sticky note mural at the new building (made of pixels), we alright on one here and make new picture of message here.

Maggie: “Is that my area/expertise” I always think, it is important to tell kids who want

leadership opportunities to have experience.

Ben S: There is already a lot going on, there is a lot that we are doing as we get closer to the end of the year.

Dave: Students and Families are going to be able with Packing Weekend

Casey: May 11th or May 18th, all students and families can assist with packing of the building on a signupgenius, every weekend between the start date and weekend of June 15th, sometimes in classrooms, other times in teacher lunchrooms/mixed use spaces, gonna be asking for community help soon.

Dave: Could also use warehouse space, where will we put these boxes? Extra space and assistance is appreciated. DQ to Casey: “Can we use Jgo’s and old Latin room as a storage room?”

Casey: We did arrange June 3rd for the Moving Company for the packed boxes to pick up from the cafeteria, and they will store them for us.

Ben S: DQ to Casey: How will we store stuff over the summer?

Casey: “APS is providing adequate space for what we are moving, we are hoping the pro moving company will take great care in moving our belongings.”

Ben S: On community day we had packing up classes/groups, are those boxes going to be on that day that you mentioned Casey?

Casey: That was the earliest we thought we could get things out, then the teachers know what is left in their room, if you feel rooms are overflowed with boxes you should come see me about it, we can find somewhere if there are current issues.

## End of the Year/Last Day

### Discussion/Debrief on Community Day

Jennifer: Wanted to ask community on their opinions on Community Day, as the Planning group is meeting during Lunch tomorrow.

Ben S: Speaking as a student leader, there were some activities who got done a long time before the day was over, “can we really have these activitees if it is one hour packing and then we’re done”, seeing if the time is significant enough based off of the project

Maggie: I am curious on permission slips and the timely fashion of all that

Jennifer: I don't know anything about attendance, it seemed like for every grade it was well participated, have not heard from any teacher about not having materials, and if they didn't have a slip there were great projects on-campus, and next year we won't be packing anything, so there will be a much larger range of projects completed.

Henry H: All seemed to be well-attended here on campus, doing good work and lots of packing done for most of the time, the teachers were thankful for the time.

John B: I always thought it was a good amount of time, idk how many of those activities ended early, but it should stay the same.

Rebekka: I personally found community day to be a lot of fun, but I think the signups could be worked on.

Dan: Bravo, wonderful time \*™ applauds\*. We have a great by-in from the community and the school. But, there was some responses from members of the community on how some expected behavioral conduct was not met, need to make sure that is in place among all groups and students/HB community participating in these events/activities.

Brooke: I will speak for people in my grade who were not there for other reasons which are not as good, I know a lot of seniors were approached to lead a project, Not sure if that helped at all but those who asked to

lead projects ended up going rather than those who were forced into it.

Reina: Everyone was so appreciative, well organized, we could put it more on grade levels to but the pressure off of the student, make sure that conduct is still being followed (from Dan's comment)

Maggie: Shows that kids are stepping up, had full attendance with the library group, got great work done.

Ben S: One last concern was the lack of leaders that there were, I was approached 2 weeks before hand, there either needs to be something done with less activities and the leader quota can be met and people aren't forced to lead, it seems like you want people who are passionate about these things

leading them rather than those doing it just to do it.

Jennifer: The people who are most excited to do these aren't necessarily upperclassmen, though we are reaching out to NHS members, but I would like the younger students to have a shot to lead too, maybe next year we can make it 6-12 who may want to be a leader, and hopefully we can get enough leaders, as the assumption of upperclassmen being the best leaders may not necessarily true.

Henry: Next year, if NHS is still present, members will come to realize that this is an important part of service and it should be an expectation.

Brooke: expectations will be met in the beginning of the year, approach the leaders

and make it clear from the beginning, only pushback I saw was the surprise, but i agree if you take part in service organizations you could be leading a group and doing good work.

Ben S: We have so many other things that members of these groups do to contribute to the community, I think we should have a freedom of choice and we shouldn't necessarily be forced into something.

Henry: As part of freedom of choice, at HB we have lots of groups to join, so if you choose to join a service group, it is only a small effort to help lead a Fab Fest or Community Day, the student leaders were very effective without much effort had to put in.

Dan: It is a service group but service isn't good enough then you have to lead, a strong majority always says we can't make people do something, the choice is respected, the forcing could make sense but your numbers may go down, it seems to be making things more exclusive.

Brooke: I just wanted to clarify one of NHS' pillars is leadership, it is a reasonable facet but it needs to be clarified that that is an expectation, we will make it clear if you are applying to NHS then you should be able to think about how you could do that leadership.

Henry: The people who want to step up and take a leadership role in a service role are those who are members in good standing of NHS, leadership and service are both

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critical parts of NHS, the minimum service requirements are already met by most of the school, which can partly undermine NHS needs.

Ben: As HIVE is a One could argue that NHS is volunteer to apply, it doesn't make sense to me if you are forced to do something, we should look at where people want to do things and embrace those who want to do that.

Carol: When we call something leadership, we have to make sure we have time and energy to develop that leader.

\*\*Town Meeting is adjourned\*\*