

Saturday, December 4, 2010

11/19

Agenda: 12/3/10

1. Approve Minutes
2. Reports
3. 15% Motion
4. Honor Code Motion
5. Notes & New Business

Council Minutes 11/19/10

“The path to success is to take massive, determined action”

- Tony Robbins

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
 - [A-Mod]: Please try to be on time and help set up chairs beforehand!
 - [Sec]: Senior alternate may vote. Please send me any feedback on the minutes! I corrected the minutes from last week and put up motions from this year on the blog.
 - [DSB]: There's a meeting next week, looking at budget for next year and various policies.
 - [Exec]: I think our exposure in the Caf has been a great change, encourage friends to be involved in committees as well as meetings.
 - [Admin]: Still looking for a speaker for MLK day.
 - [Curric]: Going to be meeting Tuesdays Activity Period from now on.
 - [OEC]: Freshmen class committee met with their advisors, working on bylaw revisions, please send committee attendance to Katie.
 - [SL]: There won't be a meeting next week.
 - [SA]: Dodgeball was postponed, “Hanover's Got Talent” coming up!
 - [COI]: Valedictorian motion edited to a breakdown of cum laudes, possible 100 pt grade scale, passed two new social studies courses.
 - [Class Committees]
 - o Sophomores: Class t-shirts almost done.
 - o Juniors: Please get in your poinsettia order forms!
 - o Seniors: Bake pies please!
3. 60% Motion
 - Recap: I move to make it so that tests can only count for up to 60% of your quarter grade.
 - o [Carl]: By making tests so important, you encourage kids to not do their hw, remember we are representing the whole school
 - Discussion
 - o Hw helps you do well on tests even if it doesn't count as much
 - o Singles out departments who use tests as major category of assessments
 - o Asking teachers to change the way they teach
 - o You still need to learn good study habits

- o Hw and class participation have to count towards something
- o What is the real purpose of tests? Do they help you learn?
- o Not doing your hw brings your grade down
- o Colleges do a lot of things that don't help you learn
- o Everyone learns differently, we need to respect that
- o We need to prepare for college and play that "game"
- o Let's shoot this down and bring a revised motion
- o Motion: I move to close debate.

Debate Closes

Motion Fails

4. Visitors Motion

· Motion: I move that we accept a guest permission slip to help the school keep track of visitors (see document).

o [Mr. Smith]: We are a popular place to visit, a very open campus, it's difficult to monitor who enters the building, don't have a way to manage visitors, parents and schools unaware

· Questions/Clarifications

- o What about foreign exchange students?
- Yes, they would need one, host family's parents could sign
 - o We have no current policy or permission slip on visitors, just a pass
 - o What's the history here?
- No big problems, easier for the administration, preventative
 - o Timeline?
- 3 days ahead of time
 - o Do guests or alumni count?
- Just guests, alumni at discretion of Dean
 - o We should add parent signatures to this slip
 - o There would be more restrictions on visitors
 - o Hopefully downloadable, easy to email and print
 - o This would be a handbook change

· Motion: I move to refer this motion to Admin.

· Referral

- o Motion: I move to close debate.

Debate Closes

Motion Passes

5. Notes & New Business

· Motion: I move to have no test count for more than 15% of your quarter grade.

o [Rachel]: I don't think a lot of small quizzes are a problem, this way there can only be 4 big tests per quarter

· Discussion

- o This makes more sense and is more reasonable
- o Do any tests count more than 15%?

- Yes, if you only have 3 tests per quarter
 - o Papers are not included
 - o Would this work in the portal?
- Sure, it can be changed to whatever we need it to be
 - o This looks like more homework and daily grades
 - o This problem is bigger than just tests — it's assessments and assignments
 - o Still have a problem with any restrictions on teachers
 - o Tests are tests, just do them
 - o There are so many styles of classes, we can't put everything into one box
- Motion: I move to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourns