

Thursday, October 14, 2010

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Agenda: 10/15/10

1. Approve Minutes
2. Reports
3. Money Allocation: Dothan Brook French Program
4. Cuts Motion
5. Activity Period Motion
6. Notes & New Business

Council Minutes 10/1/10

“Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings.”

- C.D. Jackson

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
  - [Mod]: Welcome to the cafe! FYI: no limit to how many signs you can put up
  - [A-Mod]: Welcome! Speak loudly.
  - [Secretary]: Junior alternate may vote.
  - [DSB]: Meeting last Tuesday: underfunding and participation fees in athletics, cuts, teacher evaluations, King Arthur expansion, German program, approved budget guideline of 2-2.5% increase
  - [Exec]: Everyone should have each week's minutes.
  - [Admin]: We worked on revising the mission statement.
  - [Curric]: Worked on Co-Curricular Code with Mr. Jackson, Cost Reduction Committee Forum went well! Thanks to all the students who came!
  - [SA]: Quidditch starts soon for 4 weeks, then dodgeball for 4 weeks. Harry Potter dress-up day coming up. Freshmen won football game attendance and sophomores won the field decorations
  - [OEC]: New and Tuition Students elected: Dmitry Steesy, Madeline Mulvihill, Lauren Slater, and Olivia Leatherwood
  - [SL]: Working on the water fountain motion, moving the toaster?
3. Freshmen Coop Motion (continued)
  - Discussion on the Amendment – second semester privileges
    - o Why do we trust other grades more than freshmen? Parents should have the final word
    - o Mr. Smith doesn't know all the new kids to the school for a few years, has to deal with all the punishments
    - o Freshmen need to get to know each other, staying on campus brings them together and into the school
    - o What will this look like to the community?

Debate Closed

Amendment Failed

- Discussion on the Original Motion
  - o Remember parental concerns, large factor here

Debate Closed  
Motion Failed

#### 4. Mission Statement Discussion

- Edited version more concise and to the point
- NEASC comes every 10 yrs to check mission statement, coming next year
  - o We can either change it now or wait for their review
- Who covers the cost of changing plaques in classrooms? \$500-1000
- Does this mean that community members are taking classes with students?
- It should be short and sweet, easy to remember
- Changes aren't necessary, no one will know if we do or don't
- History: the original mission statement took a long time to come up with, many varieties, love the extension to community
- Motion: I move to close debate
- It's about what HHS stands for/represents, don't care if students know or don't

Motion Failed

- Actions speak louder than words
- Let's wait until next year because it's not a dire matter
- We need to do this now, this is our reputation in the community, we can just put one plaque in the office
- Motion: I move to create a NEASC committee to look at the mission statement with this recommendation in mind and prepare for an evaluation next year
  - o Great to get it done in advance. Go for it!

Debate Closed

Motion Passed

- [Mod]: I'd like to entertain a motion to refer this to Admin.
- Motion: I move to refer this to Admin

Motion Passed

#### 5. Cuts Motion

- [Mrs. Cep.]: I move to remove the first cut warning in the handbook and jump right to a meeting with the Dean of Students with parents present and a 5 day schedule up
  - o We call cutting a class a serious offense, so let's make it serious, 7 free cuts?
- Discussion
  - o Do 3 tardies result in this consequence too?
  - o Warnings are important, there are misunderstandings
  - o Isn't it 2 cuts = schedule up, not 2 from the same class?
  - o Creating a large burden on Mr. Smith
  - o This is a hard transition for new students
  - o Good spirit, but the consequences are too harsh
  - o Motion: I move to close debate

Motion Failed

- o It's unfair to students who do show up to class every day

- o We need to find a middle ground here

Meeting Adjourned