

Wednesday, September 15, 2010
6/4

Agenda: 9/3/10

1. Approve Community Members
2. Approve Minutes
3. Reports
4. Committees
5. Judiciary Committee (J-Comm)
6. Address Additional Committee Representatives
7. Council Goals
8. Notes & New Business

Council Minutes 6/4/10

“Goals are dreams with deadlines.”

~Diana Scharf Hunt

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
 - [Mod]: Thanks for coming in early everyone.
 - [Treasurer]: We're going to try to pass motions concerning the budget today.
 - [Secretary]: Freshmen alternate may vote.
 - [PR]: We'll be talking about committees today.
 - [SL]: Our recycling plan is going out to faculty.
 - [Sarah Bent]: From Kelly — The council picnic is Sunday at Huntley at 1pm.
 - [Scout] – Please respect the band room by not eating. Congratulations Mega Concert participants!
 - [Henry] – Please help put the chairs back in order after the meeting.
3. Money transfers
 - Motion: I move to move \$400 from the council funds to the co-curricular funds
 - o The money in the co-curricular fund zeros out

Debate Closes

Motion Passes

- Motion: I move to cut down the requested amount from the clubs by 15%
 - o Good to have extra money in the co-curricular fund
 - o We don't get back leftover club money from previous years
 - o Will cut every club by 15%
- Discussion
 - o Chose this percent to have money for new clubs and club requests
 - o Forces fundraising

Debate Closes
Motion Passes

4. Committees

- Everyone write down top 3 choices as committees are described
- Committees usually meet once a week on average
- Admin: serves as liaison between the administration and council, handles skip bean award and staff of month award, helps w/ elections, keeps a list of non-procedural motions
- Curriculum = teachers and student curriculum, behind the scenes work, keeps the school running smoothly, one member goes to COI
- OEC = new/tuition student elections, makes sure council is running smoothly, orientation for new staff and community members, spring elections
- Student Activities = runs winter carnival/school-wide activities, building school spirit
- Student Life = improving quality of student life, annual surveys, recently worked on the recycling plan and parking policy

5. Report on Technology Filter

- Our current filter was not sufficient to meet our needs
- After trying out a stronger filter that blocked streaming content/media, we were able to stay within the limits by a large margin
- Realized all the kinds and purposes of the media uses in the school
- We need to focus our internet use for academic purposes
- Instituting a sign-in system that brings you into a supervised network
- Papercut – method of cutting down on printer misuse

6. Garden Club/Longboarding Funds

- Garden Club
 - o Motion: I move to allocate \$379 to the garden club
- The garden club does a lot of important work out in the outdoor classroom
- Volunteer based, environmentally friendly
- Plants and supplies are expensive
- Have made fundraising efforts

Debate Closes

Motion Passes

- Longboarding
 - o Reference to motion of last meeting: I move that the school look into a rack for all boards with wheels
 - o Revised Motion: I move to refer this motion to Student Life in conjunction with Buildings and Grounds to find funding and a place to put the rack
 - This wouldn't require too much effort to follow through
 - Mr. Lavigne and Mr. Holloway said that it's easier if they have the summer to organize

Debate Closes
Motion Passes

7. New Motions

- I move that freshmen with high honors at the end of first semester will be granted open campus for all of second semester if they can maintain their high honor position for the remainder of the year
 - o [Matt]: Students need an incentive to do well and push themselves
 - o This isn't fair to kids who do more work and take harder classes yet don't have a high enough GPA
 - o This would be hard to manage and too complicated to keep track of
 - o There shouldn't be incentive to do well in school
 - o Good grades do not equate with responsibility
 - o It's a rite of passage for sophomores

Debate Closes
Motion Fails

- Mission Statement Discussion
 - o [Scout]: I don't feel the motion well represents the school community including the students, staff, and community members
 - o This might be a discussion to have with the entire school, not just council members
 - o Discussing this idea would be a beneficial exercise for everyone

8. Follow Through Committee Discussion

- [Rachel]: I want to have a committee that ensures all motions are being followed through with, it would have reps from each grade and staff, people who can help if a motion is overlooked or forgotten
 - o Should be a part of committees' responsibilities already
 - o Could add to bylaws for committees
 - o This job could just be assigned to a specific person on each committee
 - o This committee wouldn't know all the background details of the motion
 - o We all need to be more accountable
 - o This is the moderator and assistant moderator's job
 - o It's a good idea, but it sounds like a council police
 - o Makes it so important to keep a record of committee activity
 - o What if a motion doesn't go to a committee?
 - o Admin technically has this responsibility

Meeting Adjourns