

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

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Fearless Exhibit

Valedictorian Motion

Council Minutes 2/26/10

Reports

(Mod) Welcome back. I hope everyone had a good vacation. We've had a few chaotic meetings the past weeks so can we get really thorough reports from each committee?

(A-Mod) There is a Contradance tomorrow in the gym from 5-7. The money raised will go to Haiti.

(Secretary) No alternates may vote.

(DSB Rep) Last night was the annual district meeting. Members of the public showed up to talk about the budget. This proposed budget would have a 3.3% increase, about \$22 million. .91 increase in terms of net assessment (what your parents will be paying in taxes if you live in Hanover or Norwich) For Hanover, it's a 3.4% increase in taxes, and in Norwich -3.54%. It is very important if you are 18 or older to go out and vote on Tuesday if you live in Hanover, voting will take place at the gym and in Norwich it's at Tracy Hall from 7am-7pm.

(Admin) We're going to schedule an extra meeting to catch up for what we missed.

(Curric) We talked about the Valedictorian Motion and we wrote up a description of the motion, and what we're trying to accomplish with it. Next week in CG we're going to clarify what we do now for valedictorian and what would change.

(OEC) We are having an attendance crackdown. If you are late or miss a meeting unexcused, we will find you. Also, next week we are working on the Handbook so if all OEC members could come, Friday Activity Period in Ms. Stevenson's room, that would be great.

(SAC) We discussed Winter Carnival today and we talked about the pizza party we'll be throwing for the senior class. The date as of now is March 26.

(SL) We talked about the Recycling Motion that was passed in Council; it wasn't technically a referral. We have a motion concerning putting something in the bylaws. It will probably be on the agenda for next week.

(COI) We talked about the Extended Learning Opportunities Policy which will be replacing the current one we have in the Handbook. It will be coming to this body as a Handbook change. Some highlights are that it articulates extended learning opportunities beyond what we traditionally thought, which were Bridges, Dartmouth classes, ski academies, and Dresden. Now it elaborates on the policy. We also started looking at the parent surveys and what parental responses meant. They were generally very favorable.

(Clara) The production Footloose is playing tonight at the Lebanon Opera House.

(Hannah) Tomorrow at Campion Arena is the last home Varsity Girls' hockey game of the season.

Dartmouth Class Discussion

as the governing body, we need to consider big chunks of time being taken away by Dartmouth classes

if you take a Dartmouth class, it doesn't always conflict with Council meetings

you know when you sign up for a Dartmouth class what time it will be meeting

we should institute a rule that if your Dartmouth class conflicts with Council, you step down as a member for that semester and the alternate becomes a voting member

another option for a member who takes a Dartmouth class is to attend every committee meeting to stay involved

in the past, we have brought up the next highest vote getter to fill the spot for the semester
2nd alternate?

how can you be a Council member and not come to the meetings at all?

we could say anyone who is debating taking a Dartmouth class cannot run for a position

Council is a commitment and each member needs to be in attendance

high school is about finding balance, we should allow students who want to be part of Council

also be allowed to take Dartmouth classes

perhaps once a member leaves for a class, they are done for the year

this is already referred to OEC

people need to make choices, we are a serious group so we all need to take that seriously

perhaps the student who took the Dartmouth class could come back as an alternate?

voting at meetings is important, going to committee meetings alone is not enough

we should discuss this in Common Ground

New Business

Bylaw Notification from SL: I move that under article 7,h, 2, f, under Student Life, that we add the specific duty to facilitate recycling efforts.

this gives some leeway with how Student Life can help facilitate

all of Council should be helping with recycling

we're making a plan for recycling before vacations or the weeks we don't have CG

(Ms. Lubrano) Please vote or get your parents to vote because it's important this budget passes. A few hundred votes can decide whether this passes.

(Emily) Perhaps we could include Council notes, or modified minutes on the Principal's Weekly. This could create more discussions in the community.

(Mr. Prince) There are numerous critics of March Intensive this year and anything less than students enthusiastically attending and learning could jeopardize the program for everyone. We,

as Council, have a responsibility because we've endorsed this and it's important that we protect it. Make sure people attend everyday and enjoy it.

(Jennie/Ella) Some people don't understand that taking small family trips has an impact on this program.

Motion: I move that Hanover High has weighted grades.

honors classes require more work and that should be recognized
some college admissions will recalculate students grades and weight honors
if we are doing this to look for change within the school that would be fine, but it is not a reason
to change it for colleges because the process we have now is fine

Meeting adjourned.