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Reports

(Mod) Welcome. I hope the Portal information in Common Ground went well.

(A-Mod) I'd like to thank everyone for doing such a great job when Lebanon came last week. I think they really enjoyed it and learned a lot and I thought it was really interesting to hear what they've done this year and talk to them about the way their Council runs.

(Ms. Addante) The Lebanon Council spent their whole last meeting talking about what they saw here. There was a whole new energy in the group and they were very excited about everything they learned.

(Secretary) Junior and freshmen alternates may vote.

(DSB Rep) Just make sure that your parents know about the upcoming budget meetings.

(Exec) Mr. Bill just talked to me about eating in here again because they have the play tonight. Be really careful about cleaning up.

(Ms. Addante) The Dresden School Board is trying to find a way to get more information out about the budgets. We have such a great resource here. I don't know how Council wants to be involved with that but we are definitely not trying to "sell" anything. We're just trying to get the facts out. If this doesn't pass, we'll be making more cuts, so there's a real advantage to this budget passing.

(Admin) Please come to the meetings.

(Curric) We discussed the valedictorian motion and we aren't bringing back the Chinese motion because we're going to do that for next week. Also, Mr. Lloyd, who's in charge of independent studies had set up sort of a Tuesdays/Thursdays Chinese course. He needs to know if students are interested so spread the word so he can work out when they can meet. The teacher is a HHS graduate.

(SAC) Winter Carnival is next week so get excited! Sign ups are in the Atrium. We need a few Council members to help with pie tasting after school on Wednesday, so if you're interested just send me an email.

(SL) We talked about ways we could improve dances and what we could do for the next dance. We want Mr. Smith to talk about what he thought of the dance or what he thinks might improve it. We have a quick motion changing the time you're allowed into the dance and we want to have a discussion on what we can change for dances in the future and what people thought of the last dance.

(COI) We talked about extended learning opportunities like a online Charter school.

(Henry) "She Stoops to Conquer" is at 7:30 tonight and tomorrow in the auditorium.

(Jenny) I've heard from some students not in Council that in Common Ground that people think we wouldn't have the portal if Council didn't start it. So if everyone in their Common Ground

could briefly explain that Council worked hard to change the guidelines to make it better for student use.

(Mr. Prince) We're about a month and a week away from March Intensive and everything seems to be going really well in terms of the preparations. I think people seem excited. I think it's really important that Council members spread the message that March Intensive is not an optional activity, and any drop in attendance during March Intensive would essentially get rid of it.

#### Recycling Motion

Motion: I move that Student Life develop a plan to commit Council to implementing recycling weekly at HHS.

Plan would be written and in Council operations

Posted in every room

rather a motion than by-laws because it might create a laundry list of things in the by-laws not necessarily bad for the Environmental Club to come back every year to Council because they're new students every year  
something should be in writing somewhere  
referring this to committee is the goal

Motion passes.

#### Dance Discussion

Motion: I move to change the Dance guidelines so dance entry is permitted until one hour after the start of the dance unless previous arrangements have been made with the chief chaperone.

Motion passes.

Council members should attend dances because we worked hard to bring them back  
a lot of students didn't know the dance was going on, we need to work on communicating with the rest of the school

advertising rules might have discouraged people from coming

perhaps different location next time? Atrium?

friday night is difficult, many conflicts

next dance between winter and spring seasons?

overall, successful dance

important to get rules out for first dance

clubs should be hosting dances

#### Valedictorian Motion

Motion: I move that the Hanover High School Graduation Ceremonies will acknowledge scholastic recognition of students achieving Cum Laude distinctions in place of naming Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

summa cum laude would be for students who have a 4.0 gpa, maxima cum laude for students who are in the top 10%, and magna cum laude for the next 10% of the class  
we already do maxima and magna cum laude  
many other schools are backing away from the valedictorian/salutatorian model  
we've had as many as 5 or 6 valedictorians in the past  
there's no class rank at HHS  
valuedictorian and salutatorian are not part of the graduation ceremony  
the valuedictorian does not give a speech  
the only place valuedictorian appears is as an asterisk on the program  
challenging yourself could penalize you from becoming valuedictorian  
valuedictorian is not judged by rigor of curriculum

Meeting adjourned.