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Reports

(Mod) Thanks everyone who came to the talent show. Thanks to our performers. Thanks for finding us in a weird schedule.

(A-Mod) The Lebanon Council would like to come observe a meeting, and we have a tentative date of January 29. They will watch a meeting, then during 5th period we'll have pizza and answer questions.

(Treasurer) We'll be taking the yearbook picture during new business.

(Secretary) Senior and Junior alternates may vote.

(DSB Rep) There was a DSB meeting this past Tuesday. The Dresden Athletic Fitness Committee, which is headed by Ms. Addante, gave a wonderful presentation about what their findings on looking into our Athletic Department. They found there were a lot of inequities in terms of athletics. They'll look at how that will potentially effect our budgets coming up. There will be Dresden budget meetings every Tuesday after break. There are things to think about; talk to your parents. The budget has to go down this year because of the financial situation we are in. Make sure your parents are aware because they'll be voting on that budget. If they have any questions they can email me or the Dresden School Board representatives.

(PR) I met with Ms. Nickerson to ask if it would be possible to add a section of Common Ground announcements for Council updates. There's a new rule that each announcement can only have 100 characters, not words, which is limiting but it's enough for a bulleted update. Please don't forget to recycle in Common Ground.

(Exec) Ms. Kornfeld is coming the Friday after break to talk to us about recycling. We should have a good discussion about that. Should it be Council's responsibility? Is that something we want to take on?

(Curric) We looked over Jack's powerpoint that he's making and we'll be distributing a survey for the Chinese motion in Common Ground.

(SAC) We didn't have a very successful dress-up day. Our next one is in January and the theme is "dress as your favorite animal." We need Council to get excited for Winter Carnival because it's coming up!

(SL) I met with Mr. Smith to figure out some of the specifics with the dance we're working on. It's going to be January 29 and we still have to get the right number of teacher and parent chaperones. If you know of any parents interested, please contact me. We're trying to find a more cost-efficient way to have music because we want to raise money for the March Intensive Scholarship Fund. If you have any ideas of ways to bring the music cost down, please contact me.

(Staff) We had a lengthy discussion on what democracy at Hanover High means. There's a realization that there's been a lot of new staff and there needs to be an understanding of what a teaching in a democratic school means. There was a proposal to establish a Faculty Senate. That idea was tabled so we could just have a more generalized discussion.

(COI) We met yesterday and we started by looking at renaming Earth Sciences to The Geological History of the Upper Valley, so it will be a more localized focus. It's not really a change in the course, we're just tightening language in the Course of Studies. We then discussed at length the Portal Protocol and how the school will handle it. It looks like the draft is getting fairly finalized and most of the Council's ideas are being taken into consideration. There will still be another round of revisions and the Technology Committee will meet again. We also looked at the philosophy statement of the Portal, and that still has some changes to be done. Last week I told you the estimated budget cut would be \$250,000 and this week it was down to \$130,000.

(Amanda) The HHS Swim Team has their first meet tonight at UVAC.

(Ella) Happy Hannukah!

(Henry) Freshman Class Committee had their first meeting and we talked about possible fundraisers to get us going. We still need four more members so we've asked people to write paragraphs explaining why they want to be on Class Committee.

#### Class Committee Report

Sophomores: We had a bake sale and t-shirt sale yesterday. We have about \$5,000 so far and we need \$13,000. We're planning a waffle sale next month.

Juniors: We just had a really successful poinsettias fundraiser and we currently have \$8,000 and we're hosting a dance for the 8th graders.

Seniors: Our class trip is to Burlington and our prom will be at the Eastman Country Club.

#### Missing class for Council

(Ms. Ceplikas) Student who have fourth period classes and are on Council need to fill out conflict resolution forms. If multiple Council members are in one class, the teacher may move the x-period to Friday. Since we had a snow day last week, teachers took away the x-periods, we had a conflict. However, Council takes precedent over class, which is why we meet during the school day. Council is important enough to miss class for. Even if your teacher moves the x to Friday to accommodate you, you should still fill out a conflict resolution form so that when Council comes up against a class, you can attend Council. There are special field trips and since that's a singular experience that can't be recreated, you may miss Council to attend that. Perhaps if a snow day had taken away a day to do a science lab, and the lab was set up for one day, you might have to miss Council for that.

Meeting adjourned.