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Reports

(Admin) Staff of the Month is Ms. Kono.

(DSB) There is a DSB meeting this coming Tuesday.

(Curric) We discussed how we're going to move forward with the powerpoint. We will work with Jack on that. We also talked about the Pass/Fail Motion and we will be coming with an amendment.

(SAC) Thank you to all who played Quidditch! Gryffindor won, Ravenclaw was second, Slytherin and Hufflepuff were tied for third.

(SL) The parking system is getting up and running. The deadline for applications is Monday. We put signs up informing people and people can get applications in the Main Office. We're thinking about what we're doing next.

(COI) We talked about new course offerings. There were no votes held but new courses included Media Literacy. It would be a 10-12 grade phase 2 English elective. There was also a proposal for German 5/5H and Methods H.

(Hannah) If you are sick or miss a Council meeting, please email me so I you don't get marked as unexcused.

(OEC) Sign ups for Freshman Class Committee will be extended for another week. Sign ups are in the Library.

(Henry) The Freshmen Class Advisors are Ms. Piro and Mr. Berube.

Portal Motion

Motion with amendment: I move to support the Administration's plan for the Portal which includes the Family Nights and distributing passwords to the students in Common Ground.

Parents can still get the passwords if they would like them

Giving the passwords to students is in line with HHS philosophy

We don't need family nights to explain to parents that students are receiving passwords, just like how report cards are distributed, we trust the students with them

Amendment passes.

We pride ourselves on giving students responsibility

Family nights will teach parents how to use the portal, they might not know how otherwise

Parents of 504, SPED, Dresden students who do not attend the Family Night will still receive the password via the advisors

This is a tool for the students to use, this should be helpful

This is just like the College Board, who gives students the passwords to check their SAT scores, Portal should allow students to check their grades, not parents

Motion Passes.

Pass/Fail Motion

Original Motion: I move to adjust the current pass/fail policy to the following policy:

Student would be required to elect for the pass/fail policy within the first week of the course.

When a student elects to take a class pass/fail, said student would also be required to choose a grade limit for this course. Then if the student receives a grade higher than this limit, the grade would be recorded on the transcript and factored into the GPA. The student would have the first four weeks to remove this policy and have until the halfway point of the term to modify the grade limit. All other stipulations associated with the previous pass/fail policy not in contradiction with these amendments still apply.

Motion with amendment: I move to adjust the current Pass/Fail Policy to the following policy:

Students would be required to elect for the Pass/Fail Policy within the first week of the course, which is the same timeline electing to add a course.

The student would have the first four weeks to remove this policy, which is the same timeline as electing to drop a course.

All other stipulations associated with the previous Pass/Fail Policy not in contradiction with these amendments still apply.

The timeline lets students decide if they want to continue to take the course, whether they'll have enough time for the course, and whether they would like to take it Pass/Fail

Modeled after Dartmouth policy

Students who can't afford to spend as much time on a course but are still interested in it can elect for Pass/Fail

Grade limit may not be fair to other students who aren't electing to take a class Pass/Fail

A student may take a maximum of two Pass/Fail courses between the beginning of their Junior year and graduation

Currently, students have to elect to take a course Pass/Fail before the course begins but the four week drop timeline is in effect as of now

This goes along with the philosophy "learning for learning's sake"

Meeting adjourned.