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New Business

Council Minutes 10/30/09

Reports

(A-Mod) Thank you all for coming. We have a full agenda today so we might need to put time limits on some items because the parking motion from Student Life is extremely urgent and we're hoping to pass it for the winter parking time lot.

(Secretary) No alternates may vote.

(DSB Rep) There was a DSB meeting this past Tuesday. We talked about core competencies and how we're implementing them at HHS. The sophomore class will have to have portfolios to graduate. Dr. Gersen talked about enrollment projections and we got a new alert system so if there is an evacuation or snow day, Dr. Gersen will call the system and it will then call all students and staff.

(Exec) The freshmen class needs to find advisors and since we don't have a committee yet, perhaps the freshmen on Council could do that. Two class advisors are needed.

(Admin) Staff of the Month is Ms. Murray. Skip Bean Democratic Citizen Award goes to Abidjan Walker.

(OEC) We met with Abidjan and Scout and discussed possible revisions of the Handbook.

(SAC) Winter Carnival was passed. Thanks to everyone who dressed up today and for the future can Council members remind students of spirit days in Common Ground before they happen. We'll let you know when our next pre-Winter Carnival event is.

(Curric) We decided not to bring the Co-Curricular Code back this week. We will do more editing as a committee, then bring it back to Council.

(SL) We are discussing parking today and we hope to pass the motion.

(Staff) We talked about Winter Carnival and it passed. Mr. Smith also announced hacky-sack would be allowed in the bathroom hallway area that's off of the atrium. It's also important for Council members to remind people that next Thursday in Common Ground will be sign ups for March Intensive.

(COI) We had our all-day budget meeting and our directive on that was to take our current budgets, make them per capita for 713 students, even though our enrollment this year is around 730, and then multiply that by the anticipated 775 students for next year. Then reduce that figure by 1.2%. We are increasing our enrollment by about 60 students. All departments submitted at or below that level. The principal advised us that she anticipated there would be an increase in staffing by 2%. This will be unconfirmed until enrollment comes out in the spring.

2. By-law Revision

All Council members are expected to attend at least one Dresden School Board meeting per year.

- This would help improve the relationship between the School Board and Council, and for us to provide information to fellow students about what the School Board is doing.

Some people attend many meetings already, difficult for some to attend night meetings
Might not be an effective use of time, meetings may not pertain to our school anyway
Is a chance to observe local leadership and governance
Your voice will be heard at these meetings, will help the DSB
We should invited DSB members to come to Council meetings

Motion passes.

Parking Motion

I move to replace the Hardship Parking System with the following procedure:

- 15 Hovey spaces are reserved for tuition students.
- 18 spaces in the back lot are reserved for seniors.
- All spaces are on a first come, first serve basis.

Hardship system is not working because people have been exaggerating or lying on their applications

System has been taken advantage of

This motion, if passed, will go to the administration as a recommendation

Seniors will get one colored sticker, tuition student will get a different colored sticker

First come, first serve seems appropriate, how it's like in the real world

The policy needs to happen by the end of next week

Anyone who is not a tuition student or senior will have to buy town spaces in front of the school

All seniors who have cars will get a sticker but they have to get to school early enough to get a spot; tuition student spots will work the same way

If tuitions student spots are not all filled, seniors may use those spaces

The majority of people who drive are seniors, why they get more spaces

Most other high school only have senior parking lots

There are some people with hardships who need to be guaranteed a parking space

It's hard to tell who's lying which is why hardship parking doesn't work

There isn't anyone who has time to monitor who's eligible to park where and make sure people are parking in the right spot, only people to do the job is Mr. Smith or Mr. Brush

We don't have any surplus parking available with staff, SAU, and visitor parking

Hardship is not carpooling, joining the crew team; we need to redefine hardship

We shouldn't say there's 18 senior spots because number of staff changes by the year

We are cheating the students who actually have hardship, and rewarding the people who've been lying if we pass this motion

Perhaps we should give parking back to the administration and they will decide who has legitimate hardship

Might be good to try this, we can always change it back

We have handicap spaces in front of the nurses office

\$30 a month for parking is not excessive compared to other expenses like gas and insurance

Perhaps we could take some of the senior spots and make three hardship spaces

I move to amend this motion to remove the number 18 from the back and add a third color for genuine hardship cases that will be designated by the administration.

a different color sticker for students with hardship might not be necessary

Amendment passes.

I move to have a meeting on Monday during Activity Period to finish this.

Motion fails.

we can take another week, the student who currently hold stickers can have them for an extra week

Motion fails.

Meeting adjourned.