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By-law revision about DSB meetings

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Reports

(Mod) Just a reminder: A lot of the debate about the Portal motion is whether we have jurisdiction or not. We are free to talk about whatever we want, then we can determine whether it's in our jurisdiction or not. So don't let anything you hear dissuade you from voicing your opinion about the Portal motion. We think it is our jurisdiction but we are not sure yet.

(DSB Rep) At the last meeting, Mr. Gamble gave a presentation about his sabbatical, and it was in Common Ground announcements yesterday. There were some committee members who expressed some concerns about the Special Ed program at the high school and the Richmond School. Dr. Gersen is going to talk with those committee members.

(PR) I really liked the idea of suggestion sheets brought by Abidjan and Mr. Smith. Those should be up by the end of today. They will be at the desk that supervises the Atrium.

(Admin) Staff of the month is Mr. Cochran.

(Curric) We met and talked about the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, which we are hoping to get on the agenda for October 16. Next Friday, Activity period in Ms. Caldwell's room we are inviting all staff to give input.

(OEC) We are now meeting in Ms. Stevenson's room and discussed the By-law notification about the procedure for New and Tuition Student Elections.

(SAC) We made a few revisions to Winter Carnival and are working on a Homecoming/introduction to Winter Carnival pep rally.

(SL) We're talking about writing guidelines for Common Ground. We really want to move with this but we need feedback from the rest of the school. Last CG we talked about the Portal motion but maybe this coming week I'll send out an email saying it would be great if the discussion could be about ways to improve CG. You could write down and suggestions and email them to me Thursday night so our committee could discuss it Friday, Activity period.

(COI) We voted to grant credit through River Valley Community College for the Probability and Statistics class. Students can buy four college credits through the college for \$100. We also looked at the annual building goals, and we came up with three. Those will be distributed sometime in the next week or so.

(Linda Addante) The Education Committee is looking for input from the community, staff, and students so if you could please go to the SAU website and fill out the survey that would be

great. We are also inviting people to attend a series. Student representation would be helpful. We meet once a month.

DSB Meeting By-law notification

Under Article 6, Meetings, we'd like to add a new point 7 that reads: All Council Members are expected to attend at least one Dresden School Board meeting each year. We also would then like to move point L to point M.

Parent Portal Motion

I move that the following guidelines apply to opening the HHS Portal:

All students have full access to the portal.

Parents of all 9th graders, 504, SPED, Dresden, and IEP students have full access to the portal.

Parents of 10th, 11th, and 12th graders have access after a form is signed by students and parents addressing a joint commitment to developing student responsibility.

an idea: students have access to grades of all assignments and parents have access to overall grades only

many students feel it is disrespecting privacy

I move to amend the motion to strike both numbers 2 and 3.

reduces staff work load of writing biweekly reports for parents of 504, SPED, Dresden, and IEP students

number 3 may not result in parents and student having a conversation about grades but rather students feeling pressured to sign a form by overprotective parents

I move to amend the amendment to include bullet point 2, striking "parents of all 9th graders."

perhaps have a trial with 30 students to see how parents use it and the school can use the feedback to see if the portal is working

Friendly amendment:

Parents of all 504, SPED, Dresden, and IEP students already receiving biweekly reports have full access to the portal.

first semester freshman year can be hard, perhaps we should still think about including 9th grade parents

2nd amendment passes.

striking point 3 does not stop overprotecting parents from getting passwords to the portal from their students

could students only access portal at school?

parents of 9th graders should have access first semester because it is a transition period

portal is a mandate for the district

Dr. Gersen should be invited to a Council meeting

other Upper Valley schools have portals (ex. Lebanon)

parents can get students' grades other ways if they want to see them, not just through the portal

Meeting Adjourned.