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Agenda: 2/11/11

1. Approve Minutes
2. Reports
3. Visitor's Motion
4. J-Comm. Bylaws
5. Community Service Requirement Discussion
6. Notes & New Business

Council Minutes 2/4/11

“Striving for excellence motivates, striving for perfection demoralizes.”

- Harriet Breaker

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports:
  - [Mod]: I encourage Council to recommend the x-day motion to staff and COI for further discussion.
  - [Secretary]: Junior second alternate and Senior alternate can vote.
  - [DSB]: I sent my formal budget report over email.
  - [Admin]: Talked about the Visitor's motion, Skip Bean Award, Staff of the Month
  - [Curric]: Sent co-curric code out to Council, please send your comments.
  - [OEC]: Feedback for Guidance Counselor Motion, upcoming elections, outlet about the bulletin board installed.
  - [SL]: Working on CG Switch Motion
  - [SA]: Senior red won dodgeball, winter carnival next week!
  - [SSC]: All the candidates have been interviewed and questioned, meeting next Tuesday, hoping to choose a superintendant by the end of Feb.
  - [Matt J.]: Dmitry and I will be making changes to the J-Comm. Bylaws coming in the next week.
3. X-Day Motion (continued)
  - Discussion
    - o This seems to be a class to class issue
    - o The number of Xs each student has fluctuates greatly
    - o X-day = instructional time at the discretion of teacher, vague on purpose
    - o This motion takes into account teachers' views on x-days
    - o Our purpose may just be to spread awareness about how students feel
    - o Everyone learns at a different pace
    - o Becoming too complicated
    - o Need to talk more with teachers, recommend this to staff

Debate Closes

Motion Fails

#### 4. In-Class Assessment Motion

- Motion: I move that no in class assessment, being a test, quiz, or paper, written in one class period, not including a final or midterm, can count for more than 20% of a student's quarter grade.
  - o [Rachel]: revised from feedback from staff while maintaining spirit — English: opposed, upper-level classes have large projects, Math: opposed, Science: changed 15% to 20%, Social Studies/Foreign Language: no response
- Clarifications
  - o Tests running over one period and projects wouldn't apply to this motion
- Discussion
  - o Makes a lot of sense, answers a lot of concerns
  - o Exams are worth 20%, why would regular tests ever be this much?
  - o We can't dictate how teachers grade
  - o Do any teachers not follow this now?
  - o Only creating more assignments and tests for students
  - o Why can't we just spread awareness to teachers?
  - o This isn't creating too strict a guideline on teachers, reasonable
  - o Talk to your teachers!

Debate Closes

Motion Passes (Roll-Call Vote)

#### 5. Notes & New Business

- Abstaining
  - o Can only abstain if you don't have enough information, missed the discussion
  - o It is NOT acceptable to abstain because you can't make up your mind
  - o You were elected to represent your class and make decisions

Meeting Adjourns