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"You can't believe most of the quotes you read on the internet." ~Abraham Lincoln

Council Minutes 9/23/2011

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
  - [Mod]: Welcome freshmen! Reminder that 9th graders cannot vote. Also, a big welcome to Jim Mitchell, former Council moderator.
  - [Treas]: I'd like to recognize Brendan, who is bringing a money allocation.
    - o [Brendan]: I move to allocate \$850 to the alternative energy club.
    - o Questions/Discussion:
      - § How much money do we have right now?
        - We have \$954 in the co-curricular fund right now.
        - The money we have now must last us until July 1st.
      - § Is the AEC planning any fundraising?
        - We are planning fundraising, but have not started yet.
      - § What is the attendance of the club?
        - More than 40 members are currently signed up.
      - o [Motion]: I move to refer the AEC money allocation to Student Activities.
      - o Discussion:
        - § Let's refer this right away.
        - § We should amend this motion so that it asks for less money.
  - Debate closes.
  - Motion passes.
    - [DSB]: DSB meeting next Tuesday in the Library at 7:00 PM.
    - [PR]: The first edition of the Broadside is coming out, so you can stay informed via the Council website or through articles in the Broadside.
      - [Sec]: Senior alternate may vote.
      - [SA]: Pep rally this Friday [changed to Thursday], dance next Saturday.
      - [SL]: Working on food vending machines and Wednesday Schedule Motion.
      - [Curric]: We're talking about the Academic Integrity Policy, more work on the CCCC.
      - [Admin]: Admin members - please stay after the meeting.
      - [OEC]: Working on new/tuition student elections and freshmen class committee.

- [COI]: Discussed school-wide goals including one that would assess how effective CG is.
  - [Brendan]: Homecoming t-shirts on sale next week in the atrium, \$15.
  
  - [James H]: Parliamentary procedure being passed around.
  - [Melanie]: Footlighters Motion has been enacted, no more action is needed.
3. Common Ground Switch Motion
- [Motion]: I move that the student members of each Common Ground be moved to a new Common Ground every year in order to promote more inter-student bonding.
    - o [James W]: Common Ground currently gives 2 whole CG periods to get to know each person. The current system lets you meet 28 other students. The proposed switch would cause you to meet 64 new students throughout high school. Just because you switch CGs, it does not mean that you cannot be friends with your old friends. Sometimes the chemistry does not work out and you need to meet new people.
  - Clarifying Questions:
    - o Has this motion been brought to the CG Steering Committee?
    - § Eric Richardson/CG Steering Committee has been informed.
    - o Is there a current process for students switching CGs.
    - § We discourage this, we rarely switch students' CGs.
  - Discussion:
    - o I like the current atmosphere of CG, this would get rid of the nice/comforting atmosphere of CG.
    - o Again, being with the same people for four years is comforting.
    - o This motion would prepare us for a more real-world situation, making new friends, reaching out of your comfort zone.
    - o Getting to know people you don't like may be a better real-life lesson.
    - o Classes change often, CGs are consistent. That's nice.
    - o CGs are lottery: some are fun and comfortable, others are not.
    - o You can make new friends and keep your old ones, it's win-win.
    - o We could think about switching advisors, this may achieve the same goal.
    - o Many people don't know others' names after three years.
    - o We should give Common Ground time to get to know one another.
  - [Motion]: I move to amend the Common Ground Switch Motion so that Common Grounds would be switched every two years.
    - o [Rachel]: This provides the balance we are looking for: it can be comfortable but still be switched up for those who don't fit in.
  - Clarifying Questions
    - o If this was switched every two years, some people could end up being in three different CGs. What exactly do you mean?
    - § Everyone would be in the same CG for two consecutive years, then you would switch into another one (after sophomore year).
    - o Why don't we just switch the teachers every year?
    - § This would be a different motion.
    - o Is this amendment within the original spirit of the motion?
    - § [James]: This does not represent what I had originally intended.

§ [Ms. Cep]: This is the original intent of the motion.  
Meeting adjourns.