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Agenda: 10/7/2011

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
3. Extended Study Hours Discussion
4. Robert's Rules Customization Motion
5. Athletic Funding Motion
6. 1:1 Technology Discussion
7. Notes & New Business

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." ~Thomas Edison

Council Minutes 9/30/2011

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
 - [Mod]: Just FYI, although the executive officer can advise the moderator on whether or not an amendment is within the spirit of the motion, it's ultimately up to the moderator. I have decided that Rachel's amendment to the CG motion is not within the spirit of James' original motion.
 - [Treas]: Composting training next Friday during Activity Period.
 - [Sec]: Junior alternate may vote.
 - [DSB]: We looked at child restraint guidelines and goals for the coming year. I spoke out against a 1:1 technology suggestion.
 - [Curric]: Discussed survey with Mr. Bill/NEASC committees.
 - [SA]: Pep rally went very well, now we're working on Quidditch.
 - [SL]: Wednesday Schedule Motion will work out with the buses, we're also working on food vending machines.
3. Common Ground Switch Motion
 - Motion: I move to refer the Common Ground Switch Motion to Student Life.
 - o [Jennie]: We shouldn't be deciding this in Council while COI is evaluating Common Ground. We can have SL representatives working with others to work this out a little better first.
 - Clarifying Questions:
 - o What will SL be doing with us that we can't do?
 - § We can have more people involved, SL would link everything together as they gather more information.
 - o What happened to the survey?
 - § It was an informal poll and we don't have the results yet anyways.
 - Discussion:
 - o Let's not worry about this getting lost in committee, committees can be timely and productive.
 - o It generally takes over two weeks to get an answer from a committee, nothing that we can't do ourselves right now. Let's strike this down and just either pass or fail the original motion.
 - o There are already two committees working on this, SL could make this too complicated.

- o COI will not be providing an answer! It was only a year-long goal to look at this issue.
- Motion: I move to postpone the CG Switch Motion until we have had time to gather and analyze results from COI.
- o [Ethan]: This would give us time to get more information from COI.
- Clarifying Questions:
- o Would this postpone the entire discussion?
- § Yes, until after we get results from COI.
- Discussion:
- o This was the main idea of the referral, but this would work better.
- o This will take longer than the original referral. This would not be one of COI's priorities, so let's let SL handle this instead.
- o This is a big issue, COI should take as much time as they'd like to figure this out.
- o We should not postpone or refer this, let's vote on the original motion.
- o Again, there will NOT be any definitive results coming from COI!
- o Our minds are made up, let's just vote on this!
- o Many times we are frustrated with the US Government because they get nothing done, but the system is designed that way! Let's take our time.

Debate closes.

Motion (to postpone) fails.

- Back to original motion to refer the CG Switch Motion to Student Life.

Debate closes.

Motion (to refer) passes.

4. Wednesday Schedule Motion

- Motion: I move to shift the start of 5th period on Wednesdays five minutes, therefore ending the school day at 2:00.
- o [Dan G]: This motion is coming back to Council from Student Life. We looked at the issue and got the OK from the bus companies, so we should be all set to go with this.

Debate closes.

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourns.