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“Political courage is not political suicide.” ~Arnold Schwarzenegger

Council Minutes 10/21/2011

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports
 - [Mod]: We really need to work on attendance! Be here on time. Also, let's calm down about the CCCC, everything is being taken care of.
 - [Sec]: Senior, sophomore and freshmen alternates may vote.
 - [Exec]: Robert's Rules are used to make meetings go smoother, not as weapons.
 - [SL]: We're talking about CG Switch, getting more information from CGSC, etc.
 - [SA]: We are planning quidditch, sign-ups begin on October 31st.
 - [OEC]: Our new Council members are Ethan Gorman, Lazlo Bardos, and Susanna Penfield. We've also set the freshmen CC free, they're looking for staff advisors.
 - [Curric]: We're taking another look at the CCCC, working with others.
3. Test Returns Motion
 - Discussion:
 - o Over the past few years, we've been hesitant to pass bigger motions. Don't be afraid of what's going to happen in the administration, either pass/fail a motion based on its ideas and its impact on your constituents.
 - Motion: I move to amend the original motion to read: "I move that all graded tests and quizzes be kept in a locked file cabinet in the corresponding resource centers where students may sign them out and review them in the resource center."
 - o [B]: I think this would please both sides because it would provide access to students' tests and it would also provide test security.
 - Motion overruled by moderator, not in the spirit of the original motion.
 - o I know many kids that would like to see their tests and be able to keep them permanently, it's frustrating from a student's point of view. But we also do have to keep test security in mind. I don't see why science teachers can't modify their tests like other teachers do.
 - o Teachers shouldn't have to jump through hoops to test their students.
 - o It's a teacher's right to do as they wish with their tests.
 - o It would not be that difficult for teachers to modify tests, and it would keep the material more relevant for each class. It can be detrimental to a student's education when some teachers will not modify their tests.

- Motion: I move to amend this motion to include a written agreement signed by the student, his/her guardian and the teacher, stating that “this test is private material and may be used only by the student for the purposes of studying, review and other pre-approved academic actions.”
- o [James Harvard]: This keeps the original intent of the motion, to let students study from their tests, yet adds a layer of responsibility.
- Clarifying questions
- o Would any violation of this be a violation of the academic honor code?
- § Yes.
- Discussion
- o This isn't even necessary.
- o I think the whole thing should just be referred to Curric. I think it's offensive to say that teachers are lazy, and students DO cheat.
- o Students have already agreed to this with the academic integrity policy, so this could help enforce it, but this change might be unnecessary.
- o Even when teachers say tests are available, they're really not. Many students can't study during the school day.
- o Nobody said teachers were lazy. Students are here to learn. In a work setting, it's acceptable to take shortcuts to make your job easier, but not if it affects a student's education. However, the amendment adds more student responsibility to the mix.
- o Compromise is really important here, this would be a good solution.
- Motion: I move to refer this motion (including the amendment) to the Curriculum committee.
- o [Gabe]: This is obviously an important issue, I think committees could work this out better.
- Discussion:
- o I agree with this referral, but I think Admin may be a better committee since Curric is so busy lately.
- Motion: To move to amend the amendment to refer this motion to the Admin committee
- Debate (on amendment to amendment) closes.
- Motion (to amend amendment passes) passes.
- Debate (on modified referral) closes.
- Motion (to refer to Admin) passes.
- 4. Notes & New Business
- [Ms. Addante]: Just FYI, there is a Dresden Athletic Funding Update Review Committee which is actually looking at many of the same issues Council talked about a few weeks ago.
- Motion: I move to change the handbook policy concerning dances to read “HHS Students may bring guests to HHS dances. Guests will be required to show a high school ID and may be required to give their name, address and telephone numbers to the adult at the ticket table. All other guests must get prior permission from the dean of students.
- o [Ms. Stevenson]: We've had problems with HHS alumni and other college guests trying to gain entry the night of the dance. Some prior notification may be beneficial.
- Meeting adjourns.