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Agenda 12/16/2011

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"If you think Council is stupid...you're wrong." ~Carl Tischbein

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1. Approval of Minutes

2. Reports

- [Mod]: Mt. Greylock students are now visiting January 6th. Admin should be working on organizing the Martin Luther King assembly.
- [DSB]: DSB Meeting on Tuesday the 6th of this month.
- [PR]: A Council update in the Broadside is forthcoming.
- [Admin]: We're still researching the test returns motion.
- [Curric]: The CCCC will be coming to the DSB this Tuesday, we'll be looking at it today.
- [SA]: We'll be discussing Winter Carnival next week, please bring suggestions for activities!
- [SL]: We are looking through some historical documents to evaluate open campus, we will also be doing more research. Food vending machines will be coming soon.

3. CCCC

- Motion: I move that Council endorse the DEC-approved Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.
 - o [Melanie]: The creation of this document has been a long process, with the original goal being to create equal guidelines between extra-curricular activities. This is also supposed to promote truth-telling.
 - Significant Changes & Questions:
 - o The Dean of Students may rely on the filing of police charges to make decisions.
 - § We're not going crazy here, this is just because it can take a while for the legal formalities to go through – we want to be able to make decisions in a speedier manner. But we're not going to take advantage of this. Also schools operate under lower legal standards than the rest of the world.
 - o The administration may assign a stricter punishment based on severe misconduct.
 - o if there is no offense within 18 months, the violation may be considered a first offense.
 - o Punishments may include removal from 20% of TOTAL public performances.
 - § How do we know number of games in finals/end-of-season games? How will this be calculated?
 - o Student leadership positions can be restored by the Dean of Students.
 - o Students will be punished for accepting transportation other than school-provided transportation without proper permission.
 - o Council is currently considered an activity under the code.
 - § Is Council a co-curricular activity? Should it be subject to the jurisdiction of the code?

Meeting adjourns.

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2. CCCC

· Motion: I move to amend the motion so that the document title would be the “Code of Conduct” and the following paragraph would be added to the first section of the code:

The Council is “the governance body at Hanover High School, representative of the students and staff” and Council members are therefore subject to the Council Bylaws in addition to these guidelines; the Council Executive, the Council Executive Committee, and the Organizational Engineering Committee (OEC), in concert with the Dean of Students develops and enforces the standards and penalties applicable to the “The Council.”

o [Melanie]: This amendment make it such that Council is no longer considered a co-curricular activity. It would also ensure that Council members would be subject to the minimum guidelines of the code, but Council would still have the power to do follow up with its own decision-making process.

· Clarifying Questions:

o This would just state the Code is the baseline for punishment, correct? And our Council process is an additive to the code?

§ Yes.

o Based on what we discussed two weeks ago, what defines Council leadership?

§ The code will state that only the Council executives and committee chairs are considered leadership.

· Discussion:

o This will really clarify the code for the board, it’s good progress. It will also give the board a opportunity to look over the Council bylaws recently.

o The changes are good in general, except the name might be a little confusing as to who it applies.

o This amendment is redundant, clubs and activities are already given the opportunity to enforce their own consequences.

o This is great because Council can still make its own decisions freely.

o What would the order be? Would the code’s punishments come first? Or would Council’s?

§ It would be great for everyone to meet first, but the Code’s punishments would happen first.

o Although not the best, this version is the best we have right now.

Debate closes.

Motion (amendment) passes.

Debate closes.

Motion passes.