

Club Meeting Concerns

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Dear DMHS Families,

Earlier today, I was made aware of a concern related to two of our school clubs and a presentation that was scheduled for lunchtime. I want to address this matter promptly and transparently to ensure that everyone in our school community feels heard and respected.

Our two clubs, UNICEF and Amnesty International, planned to share a presentation today that contained content perceived as offensive and troubling by some. I immediately met with the club sponsors to address this issue, and they, in turn, spoke to the students to ensure that the presentation was amended. The clubs then proceeded to meet jointly during lunch without any disruptions. However, I understand that the content that was shown is still causing concern.

I want to assure you that we take these concerns seriously and are committed to working collaboratively with students, parents, and staff to address the situation in a manner that ensures all members of our school community feel safe and supported. I will be following up again with our students and sponsors starting tomorrow.

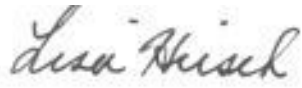
It is important to note that high school club participation is always optional, and club meetings are designed to provide students with a safe space to connect with like-minded peers while being inclusive of all. These clubs are driven by student interests, and our certified staff sponsors are there to facilitate meetings, helping students navigate sometimes complex subjects and discussions in a civil and respectful fashion.

We are dedicated to promoting an environment that encourages open dialogue, the sharing of diverse perspectives, and constructive conversations while respecting the rights and values of every member of our school community. In light of the recent events, we will be taking steps to ensure that club meetings and their content align with these principles, while also addressing the concerns raised.

I want to reiterate our commitment to supporting all students and fostering an inclusive and safe educational environment for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our school administration team. Your input is invaluable, and we are here to listen and work together to find the best way forward.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Hirsch".

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