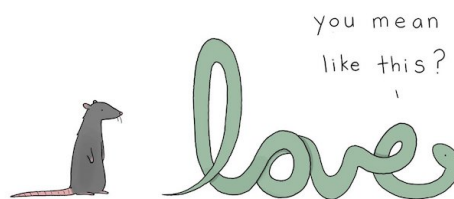


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1. Approval of Minutes
2. Reports

- **Mod:** Key reminders: if I, moderator, am failing with parliamentary procedures, let me know; we are all peers; we need to live with each others outside of student government; be kind to each other's opinions; don't shoot other people's ideas down or stare them down
- **AMod:** make sure to stand up when you are speaking; make sure you don't repeat what other people have already said
- **Treasurer:** The Council fund is \$3173.21 and the Co-curricular fund is \$3,428.25
- **Secretary:** Teacher alternate can vote.
- **DSB:** next meeting is on the 27th; will continue discussing the community service motion.
- **Admin:** met yesterday; heard back from another speaker, communicating with them
- **Curric:** did not meet yesterday
- **SAC:** continued to work on winter carnival plans
- **OEC:** continued by-law revisions; more of those will be coming soon
- **SL:** worked on the Bow High School Presentation and will be bringing it today

- **CPP:** did not meet on Monday so no report

3. [Presentation from Student Life](#)

- Visiting Bow High School on November 28th, 2018.
- Yearly trip to a nearby high school
- We've been trying to implement the stuff from previous visits to other high schools
 - Salad bar
 - Still working on improving the cafeteria
 - Different schedules
 - Big cafeterias
 - Open resource centers
 - Places to hang out with friends
 - We tried to get sofas, but they were fire hazards
 - Looked into wednesday late-start
- Will be looking into:
 - Intersession = their version of March Intensive
 - Experience to learn outside the classroom
 - Three days
 - Cafeteria
 - Senior project
 - Maybe we can get more people to do these projects in Hanover; we currently have the independent project for seniors but only a handful of seniors do it in Hanover, while in Bow it's required for all seniors
 - Mountain classroom
 - Different schedules
 - Advisory breaks on Tuesdays and Fridays
 - Different curriculum
 - Focus on interdisciplinary coursework
 - Emphasis on heterogeneously grouped classes; Range of student abilities in a single class
 - No honors or general classes
 - Only a few AP classes
 - They CAN take an honors option
 - Create their own honors program with a teacher
 - All classes uses the four point grading system

4. [By Law Revision\(s\)](#) [Brought to us by OEC]

"We move to change #3 under Public Relations from OEC to Student Life Committee to say " Article V; Section F, Public Relations Person; subsection 3 Will be a member of the Student Life Committee." "

- Roll-call

Motion Passes

5. [Religious Holiday Motion](#)

"I move to add under the new subheading Religious Observance Policy to Section Five of the Handbook the following language: [please look at the document to see the remaining wording]"

- Lemon Test
 - *"The statute must have a secular legislative purpose—this is known as the purpose prong; two, the principal or primary effect must be one that neither advances nor inhibits religion—this is known as the effect prong; finally, the statute must not foster an excessive government entanglement with religion;—this is known as the entanglement prong."*
 - This from a supreme court case in 1971 called the *Lemon v Kurtzman* case

Vote on postponing the motion

Motion is NOT postponed

- In some states, these religious holidays (listed in the motion) are considered state holidays
- No one here is actually a constitutional scholar
 - We shouldn't debate on the legality of this motion at this time
 - We should just look at the effect of the motion, not about its legality
 - Debate on the intent
- How do we balance religiously observant students with the right of those who are not?
 - The intent of the motion is good
 - However, it causes a huge change in the teacher's scheduling
- There should be a motion that allows students to make individual plans that will make it easier for these students to participate in school and religious activities
- Christmas as
 - Only 15% of the 60% of people who celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday; 45% don't think it's a religious holiday
 - Christmas is a part of our consumerist holiday
 - We have to follow what the federal government is doing
 - The federal government says that Christmas is a federal holiday, not a religious holiday
- We should consider staff and curriculum perspective of these motions
 - Halts everyone's curriculum
 - Many teachers at this school already say that they want to teach us more but they don't have enough time
 - This would only decrease the time available
- Teachers are people; they would not want to schedule a test when many kids aren't going to be in school
 - The teacher's aren't aware of the religious holidays
 - We should put the religious holidays onto the schoology calendars
- We should look at the athletics things about religious holidays overlapping with athletic games/meets
- There are flaws in the wording of the motion
 - Some religious holidays are not included in the motion
- This is a bigger question than just listing religious holidays in a motion
 - It's about our community being accepting of all religions

- This is a very good intent behind this motion
 - However, having no homework assigned is asking too much of teachers
 - It's good to limit concerts/ other school
- Some things are just more important than homework
- Our community is welcoming
 - But there a lot of people who don't understand these different religious practices/holidays
- This should be brought to staff meetings for teachers to discuss
- This is not going to be a big halt in the curriculum

"I move to make this into a discussion."

Passes

Motion will continue as a discussion next week

6. Meeting Adjourns