

IB PARENT ASSOCIATION (IBPA) MEETING MINUTES – February 11, 2016

- I. **Introductions/Welcome** - Meeting called to order at 1pm by Board President, Aaron Santry. Meeting attendees: Tia Owens, Joe Camenzind, Suzanne Laycock, Deborah Smith, Makayla Nasser-Welch, Carlos Wriedt, Gwen Duggins, Arti Gupta, Tanya Flores, Frieda Same, Steven Shook
- II. **KS House Legislation** – Steve Maack, IB English teacher, shared information on HB 2676 – a bill that was introduced in the KS House and has 30+ supporters. The bill seeks to remove any content from accredited Kansas schools related to Common Core. AP and IB classes have been specifically named in the bill as no longer being funded if they are found to be in compliance with Common Core national standards, and not Kansas standards. However, there are no Kansas standards yet. The estimated cost to develop specific Kansas standards is in the range of \$10-\$12 million. Mr. Maack suggested waiting until HB 2676 is assigned to the House Education Committee. At that time, the content of the bill is more broadly reviewed by House representatives.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
Minutes for the January 2016 meeting were presented. Minutes were approved as presented.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report**
Joe Camenzind presented. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
- V. **IB Coordinator's Report/Requests for Funding**
 - 1) Project Prom (\$250) – Contribution for this East High-wide committee would go to EHS juniors, senior and their guests. It's not specifically IB-related. But, it is a school community event. Suzanne Laycock motioned to approve \$250. Carlos Wriedt seconded. The motion was passed.
 - 2) Teacher Retirement – Lindsey Hall, IB Spanish teacher, will retire this year. Deborah Smith motioned to approve \$50 for a gift card purchase for Ms. Hall. Arti Gupta seconded. The motion was passed.

Special Transfers - Steven Shook explained that a decision was made at the Superintendent's level to no longer allow special transfers of students to attend USD259 schools. This is the result of the block grant funding passed by the KS Legislature because school districts no longer receive funds to support students from outside the district. Students living outside USD259 boundaries may no longer enroll in the magnet schools or the IB program at East High School. There are two exceptions – 1) Children of USD259 employees may attend school within USD259. 2) Current IB students may complete the program & receive their IB diploma. Siblings will not receive an exemption from this rule.

Extended Essay - 2 IB staff members will attend an Extended Essay training session this summer to help them advise students next year. They will also work with former Extended Essay Adviser, Lisa Kellerby.

CAS – Celeste Hutton will be trained on the revised guidelines for approving CAS hours. If CAS hours are declined for an event your students understood would be approved, please see Mr. Shook.

Theory of Knowledge Requirement – Summer option for fulfilling this requirement is being explored. Like all summer classes, there would be an additional charge to enroll. Scholarships to assist students would be approved on a case-by-case basis.

VI. Old Business/Upcoming Events

IB Shirt – Makayla Nasser-Welch will email information about shirt cost & design options. Mr. Shook advised that any designs have to be approved by EHS Principal, Ken Theissen.

VII. New Business/Upcoming Events

Mar 3	11:30am	Sophomore Speaker, Dr. Owens
Mar 3	6:30pm	IBPA Meeting – South Library
April 14	1pm	IBPA Meeting – C204
May 12	1pm	IBPA Meeting – C204
May 15	2pm	IB Senior Recognition

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:19pm.

Minutes submitted by Board Secretary, Suzanne Laycock