

IB Parent Association: Minutes from February 12, 2015

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Bob Leake, at 6:35pm.

Meeting Attendees: Bob Leake, Joe Camenzind, Jane Camenzind, Steve Shook, Bharathi Ramanan, Rachel Owens, Suparna Tirukonda, Jamie Noakes, Tony Noakes, Nalini Gangadhar and Tia Owens.

II. Approval of Minutes

January 8, 2015 minutes approved by Rachel Owens and seconded by Jamie Noakes. All members were in favor.

III. Treasurer's Report

Joe Camenzind reviewed Income and Expenses.

1. Teacher request for e-notes worth \$200 was approved to Mr. Mach. However, the request was returned since Mr. Thiesen's budget approved and covered the cost.
2. Mrs. Hutton's request for \$431.10 for purchase of paper backs of *Julius Caesar* was approved.
3. Projected income for the remainder of the school year is \$600, will end the year with a similar balance as last year. Although there were fewer checks coming in, the amounts were slightly higher, totaling to similar donations as in years past.

Rachel Owens approved the treasurer's report and Jamie Noakes seconded. All members were in favor.

IV. IB Coordinator's Report

1. Mr. Shook presented Project Prom which is scheduled for April 25th/26th. All seniors and guests/dates can attend by purchasing a \$5 ticket. The committee has not decided if non-East High students/dates can attend the **after party**. About 400 students are expected to attend the event. Event's budget is \$3500. Ticket sales will raise approximately \$2000. The committee is looking to raise the balance of \$1500.

Venue: undecided between East High and YMCA for the after party. Will have casino games and prizes. Historically, IBPA has donated \$500 for Project Graduation. Project Prom replaces Project Graduation this year. Since non-IB students will be attending also, the board decided to approve a reduced amount of \$250 this year.

Jamie made a motion to approve \$250, Bharathi seconded it. One member, Rachel Owens was not in favor. All others were in favor. Motion passed.

2. Freshman Admissions Statistics:

of applicants in 2013: 175

of applicants in 2014: 199

of applicants in 2015: 207

IB takes the following criterion into consideration for admissions- applicant's writing, GPA, Watson Glaser score and teacher recommendations.

Historically, about 80-90 students pass all the criteria and get invited for interviews. The next level of applicants in Bubble Group might be lower on one of the above criteria. 17 students that were accepted after passing the interview pulled out before school's start.

This year, 117 students met all criteria, leaving 32 names in the Bubble Group. 138 students were invited for interviews on Feb. 27th and March 7th. Ideal capacity for freshman class is 125. Students meeting all criteria exceeded by about 40% this year. Only 4 students were not strong in writing this year, which is the strongest writing scores the school has seen in a while.

13 students are outside of USD 259. A total of 13 students are invited from private schools. Mr. Shook and Mr. Boykins met with many area 8th grade counselors and did increased recruitment and seminars in area middle schools. Their hard work paid off. Majority of the students invited are from following schools:

Robinson - 61 students

Allison – 12 students

Marshall – 3-4 students

Homeschool – 1 student

Three students were invited for **Sophomore** grade.

Additional testing for Wait list applicants that might have missed the deadline will be arranged in June.

3. Ideas to help our Freshman and upperclassman succeed:

Mr. White and AVID teachers will help emphasize students about the importance of organization, note-taking (Cornell notes) and help implement these tools in ACE time.

Students on probation have to meet additional criteria. Mr. Boykins plans to bring in graduates from AVID program to speak to students that are struggling and hopefully inspire them to stay.

4. Summer Reading Meeting scheduled for May 19th @ 6pm. This will guide students with specifics teachers are looking for. Mr. Ortiz will give instructions on what will be tested and take away the mystery.

V. Proposals/Request for Funding

1. Ms. Hall requested \$30 for 2 reams of paper.

Rachel Owens made a motion to pass, Jamie Noakes seconded, and all members were in favor.

2. Ms. Pilcher requested \$249 towards a membership for APA which allows students access to psychology journals.

Joe Camenzind made a motion to approve, Rachel Owens seconded, and all members were in favor.

VI. Old Business

CAS Seed Money: Based on by-laws of IBPA, Rachel Owens and Jane Camenzind will help evaluate applications on a case by case basis.

Mr. White (Interact) and Mr. Shook can guide students to IBPA that are seeking funding/grant for such projects.

IBPA needs to mention the purpose of such projects in next year's fliers.

VII. New Business

1. IBPA Speaker Series: WSU's Coach Greg Marshall is unable to give a lecture.

Mr. Boykins recommended an attorney as speaker for Sophomore class who has a son that is a freshman.

Tia Owens recommended her husband, Dr. Owens, a psychiatrist that could speak to students about stress management. She will try to book him for April 23rd or 30th.

2. Senior IB Recognition – Jr. class rep, Deborah Smith will lead this committee

Traditionally, seniors get their IB stoles to wear for graduation, IBPA president and Mr. Shook speak to the class and families, followed by a reception.

3. Tia Owens raised concerns about Governor Brownback's budget cuts for IB. Mr. Shook seemed confident that IB and AP would not be threatened. However, recent events have played out differently with House Bill 2292 and Senate Bill that are yet to determine the ramifications.

VIII. Upcoming Events

1. IBPA Meeting – Thursday, April 9th @ 1:00pm in Room C-204 (Officer Slate Announcement)

2. IBPA Spring Newsletter Deadline – Wednesday, April 22nd

3. Senior Recognition – Sunday, Mother's Day, May 10th @ 2:00pm in East Auditorium

4. IBPA Meeting – Thursday, May 14th @ 6:30pm in South Library (Officer Elections)

IX. Adjourn

Bob Leake adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm