

IB Parent Association: Minutes from March 12, 2005

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Bob Leake, at 1:03pm.

Meeting Attendees: Bob Leake, Rachel Owens, Aaron Santry, Arti Gupta/Joshi, Inkyung Jeony, Sue Abdinoor, Maria Mason, Jamie Noakes, Nalini Gangadhar, Steve Shook, Larry Smith, Joe Camenzind, Jane Camenzind, Michelle Mally, Frieda Same, Patresa Ebersole, and Deborah Smith.

II. Approval of Minutes

February 12th minutes approved by Rachel Owens, seconded by Aaron Santry with amendment to Deborah Smith. All members were in favor.

III. Treasurer's Report

Joe Camenzind reviewed Income and Expenses. We started with an opening balance of \$4000. He will collect receipts from Tina Saylor for newsletter and speaker series. Board has approved \$250 for project prom, \$249 for Mrs. Pilcher's request and \$30 for Mrs. Hall's request. Not received any new donations recently. The treasury will have an ending balance of \$3244.38.

Rachel Owens made a motion to accept the report, Jamie seconded, and all members were in favor.

IV. IB Coordinator's Report

1. Mr. Larry Smith who is the liaison between the district and legislators organized an alliance of parents, teachers and students to meet legislators in Topeka on March 17th. Purpose of the trip was to do traditional lobbying with regards to collective bargaining, keeping common core curriculum, etc.

Our group got to speak to several representatives and senators from both parties and make their case in influencing upcoming votes in the senate and house. Common Core repeal died in the Kansas House Committee, hopefully we were heard loudly and clearly.

2. CAS project results from Marisa Zayat submitted to Tina Saylor. Board is yet to see details.

3. IBPA pamphlets will be handed out to parents during the summer reading meeting on May 19th. IBPA will add CAS support activities as example of projects it funds.

4. Will also introduce IBPA to the parents in the May 19th meeting.

5. Ancient Ace King raised over \$1,000 for Stuco. Mr. Rogers won the contest.

6. IB interviews with 132 students are completed. Targeting to admit 125 students.

7. Mrs. Fry (English, College Counseling) has officially announced her retirement. The school will be interviewing teachers to fill her English position, and not necessarily require the combination of teaching English and counseling for college.

Proposals/Request for Funding

1. New curriculum for sciences goes into effect this upcoming year for juniors and seniors. Mr. Weigand has a request for "Mini Research IE" where students can create their own lab experiments, research, and present results. The additional equipment for this project requires funding \$475.

Deborah Smith made a motion to approve, Jamie Noakes seconded, and all members were in favor.

2. The curriculum for Math department comes mainly from textbook and online sources. The curriculum expert from the district has more practice with online resources; however it doesn't necessarily overlap with IB math curriculum.

VI. Old Business

Rachel Owens will tell Ms. White about CAS seed money being available. She will come up with a competition in future if there are several requests. Criterion for the project was handed out. IBPA will assure that funding for CAS projects is not in excess of \$500, and may make mini grants of \$250 available. Joe Camenzind will enquire about Marisa Zayat's project results.

VII. New Business

1. IBPA will recognize Mrs. Fry during Senior Recognition.

2. Senior Recognition is scheduled for Sunday, May 10th at 2:00pm. Arti Joshi and team will be assisted by Rachel Owens in planning and setting up for the event.

3. IBPA funding was about the same as last year since two parents donated \$1,000 each, which is half of our fundraising for the year. Hence, need to appeal to new parents during all the upcoming events for Freshman families and reach out to upperclassmen families as well.

Aaron Santry will create a blue postcard to mail to approximately 380 families.

4. Joe Camenzind will continue as Treasurer.

Aaron will continue as Past President.

By-laws require three evening meetings per year to accommodate all parents.

VIII. Upcoming Events

1. IB Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, April 15th.

2. IB Senior Recognition: Sunday, May 10th at 2:00pm in East Auditorium

2. Sophomore Speaker Series: Dr. James E. Owens, an IB parent and psychologist, will speak about positive aspects of mental health, stress management, suicide awareness, etc. topics pertinent to teens during our next speaker series on April 30th.

3. IBPA Meeting – Thursday, May 14th at 6:30pm. In South Library (Officer Elections)

IX. Adjourn

Bob Leake adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.