

IB Parent Association

Minutes from August 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at precisely 1:00PM by Board President Jay Voncannon.

All Board Members were present: Jay Voncannon, Mandy Jordan, Nancy LeCompte, Dyana Diffin, Cal Wiebe, Nancy Hwang, Aaron Santry, Carl Konecny, Brent Anderson, Tammy Doyel, Sue Tirukonda, Joe Camenzind, Deirdre O'Farrell, Steven Shook, Mary Shepard

Also in Attendance: Ken Thiessen, Matt Gallagher

Visitors: Sheelu Surender, Jane Camenzind, Jamie Noakes, Bob Leek

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 12, 2011 IBPA Board Meeting were reviewed. It was moved (by Carl Konecny) and seconded (Sue Tirukonda) to accept the minutes. All voted to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by Nancy LeCompte. There was a beginning balance of \$6,771.45 minus \$100.00 in unfunded proposals for a current balance of \$6,671.45.

After a brief discussion, it was moved (Cal Wiebe) and seconded (Tammy Doyel) to increase the projected budget for Senior Recognition by \$50.00 to \$350.00. All voted to approve this change.

Mandy Jordan moved and Dierdre O'Farrell seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was unanimously approved by the board.

Welcome/Q&A from Ken Thiessen and Matt Gallagher

Principal Mr. Ken Thiessen welcomed and thanked parents for their support. He then fielded questions from the IBPA regarding the following topics: New lunch time is between 4th and 5th Hours, Best place to pick your students up after school is off-campus, Construction Progress, School Zone Questions, Enrollment Numbers (about 2350 students). New assistant principal is named Michael Archibeque, Redistricting decisions may be a couple years away.

Mr. Gallagher answered a few questions about summer curriculum offerings which now include financial literacy. He also discussed the attrition rates of IB students, and some of the ways the staff encourage and support students to continue in the program.

IB Coordinator Report

Mr. Shook provided enrollment trend data which compared IB enrollment numbers at East HS over the past five years. Additionally, he supplied IB test score trends which compared historical data, as well as comparisons to worldwide IB scores.

He also gave the board a thank-you note from the school for support of Project Graduation.

Proposals/Requests for Funding

Mr. Shook presented a request from Mrs. Fry for funds to provide a Storytelling Performance Workshop through Arts Partners. The cost is \$550.00 and will benefit 11th grade IB English students. It was moved (Dierdre O'Farrell) and seconded (Tammy Doyel) to fund this request. The board unanimously agreed.

New Business

- *Big-Do will be held on Sept. 7th at 5:30PM. Volunteer Sign-up sheet was passed around. Jay Vonnannon volunteered to secure and properly “starve”* the mice prior to the event. Dierdre O’Farrell will create a new sign and also bring T-shirts to sale. Aaron Santry will set-up the table. Mandy Jordan agreed to get flavor ice and a bag of candy for prizes.*
- *Newsletter- Mary Shepard will include the new curriculum requirements (TOK & financial literacy) in fall newsletter. She suggested a section for parent feedback, a “Save the Date” box for Senior Recognition and a Parent-to-Parent section.*
 - *Newsletters are published Oct/Mar/May and they are archived on the website.*
 - *Dyana Diffin agreed be newsletter editor next year.*
- *Faculty Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Friday, October 14th. The new chairperson will be Sue Tirukonda and Aaron Santry will co-chair.*
- *2012 Senior Recognition will be held on May 13th at 3:00PM.*

Upcoming Events

- *IB Open House will be held on Tuesday August 23, 2011. There will be a table with sign-up for volunteer opportunities and donations.*

New Event Ideas

Jay challenged everyone to think of ideas for additional support of faculty and students in the IB program. He also wanted everyone to consider whether we should spend, rather than save, some of our surplus funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42PM.

The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2011 at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dyana Diffin, IBPA Secretary

**no mice were harmed during this event*