

East High IB Parents' Association
Minutes from August 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Board President Deirdre O'Farrell.

Present: Deirdre O'Farrell, Betsy Redler, Laura Kilgour, Jay Voncannon, Elizabeth Wilkes, Tammy Doyel, Aaron Santry, Dee Marsh, Cal Wiebe, Will Klunder, Nancy Hwang, Nancy LeCompte, Mary Shepard, Steve Shook

Absent: Brent Anderson

Visitor: Donna Logan

The meeting opened with introductions of all present and welcoming our new Freshman Representative, Aaron Santry, father of Ian Santry. Copies of the bylaws for the IBPA Board were available for the new board members and those members who did not have a copy of their own.

Minutes from May 13, 2010 Meeting

The minutes from the May 13, 2010 IBPA Board meeting were reviewed. Will Klunder made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Nancy LeCompte and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nancy LeCompte began her report with a review of the 2009-2010 budget. An audit this summer showed that the IB testing scholarships were never deducted from our account last March. The amount of \$1759.50 was deducted on August 9th to cover that expense. We still have two unfunded proposals from May totaling \$900, giving us an end of year balance of \$5536.03. The budget for 2010-2011 has an opening balance of \$6436.03 (\$900.00 not yet deducted). Nancy put in all of our projected expenses for the year, not including any teacher requests, and our projected balance at the end of the school year would be \$986.03 if we did not receive any donations during the year. Jay Voncannon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Tammy Doyel seconded the motion. All voted in approval.

IB Coordinator's Report

Mr. Shook shared some statistics about our student body. We have 396 students enrolled in the IB program at East this year. This breaks down to 124 freshman, 104 sophomores, 81 juniors and 87 seniors. The sophomore class includes five students who have joined this school year. 73 out of the 80 seniors from last year that tested received their diplomas making our diploma rate of 91% one of the top in all IB schools. Only one of the seven students that did not receive a diploma is planning to retest in November. This class' average extended essay score was 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) up from the previous East High average of 1.7. This shows some progress possibly due to the changes that are being made at East to improve these marks. Mr. Shook reported on the new Extended Essay Boot camps held during the summer for the class of 2011. Ms. Kellerby oversaw these 4 session/3 hour camps held in June and again in July. Fifteen students participated this past summer, and the plan is to offer the camps again next summer with the additional help of Wendy Fjorden, our East High Librarian. Rough drafts for this year's extended essays are due on Sept . 3rd and Mr. Shook has already started the "nagging process".

Mr. Gallagher was able to attend the meeting briefly to report on some of his interaction with our students this first week of school. He has already met with the senior class to talk with them about their college folders which will be due at the beginning of

October. Small group meetings on this topic begin next week. Mr. Gallagher visited all the freshman classes yesterday and informed them about the study groups that are offered for students in need of improving their grades and study habits. He will be meeting with the sophomores and juniors in the coming days. Mrs. Fry works with Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shook in supporting those students on academic probation.

Mr. Shook reported on some staff changes as well as updates that affect the IB classes. Mr. Best, former TOK and History teacher, has retired. Mr. Boykins is now teaching PIB-AP US History along with Mr. Widener and Ms. McHenry. Ms. Gardner, IB art teacher, left East High and Mrs. Shelly Jarrett (formerly Shelly Salley) attended IB training this summer. Also in the Art Department, Gina Cumberland attended AP training this summer. Kelly Raines, former PIB Spanish teacher has moved, and Betsy Machain is now teaching some PIB Spanish classes. Mr. Tom Davis is not teaching any IB classes this year, but Ms. Stacy Chestnut is teaching TOK along with Mr. Brian White. Mr. Hamant attended IB training this summer and came back with new ideas to help our IB Music students be more successful. The East High librarian, Wendy Fjorden, attended library training for the IB Program this summer, and is also receiving training to facilitate the extended essay portion of the IB curriculum. This month's requests reflect the recent training and additions to our staff.

Teacher Requests

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
\$ 70.00	Watermark gift cards for new teachers	S. Shook
\$500-1900	digital projector and laptop computer	D. Hamant
\$ 90.00	USA Today or other national newspaper	W. Fjorden
<u>\$1500-2500</u>	JSTOR Database subscription	W. Fjorden
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There were four requests for funding this month. The first request considered came from Steven Shook asking for \$70 to purchase seven \$10 gift cards from Watermark Books to include in welcome packets (notepads, pens, t-shirt and leather portfolio) to the seven new teachers at East High this year. Will Klunder moved to fund these gifts, and Cal Weibe seconded the motion. All voted in favor of this proposal. The next proposal considered came from Mr. Hamant requesting \$500-\$1900 for the purchase of a digital projector and a laptop computer. These would be used by IB Music students to access internet sites for both the investigation and paper components of the IB Music Assessment. After discussion about funding such a large request prior to receiving donations for this year, Will Klunder made a motion to defer voting on this proposal until September. Cal Weibe seconded and the motion to defer passed unanimously. There were two requests to consider from librarian Wendy Fjorden. She requested funding for a subscription to a national newspaper, preferably USA Today or New York Times. A discussion followed indicating that some board members would not be supportive of funding the USA Today. Will Klunder made a motion to fund a subscription to the New York Times and Aaron Santry seconded that motion. There were three votes in opposition, nine votes in favor, and the motion passed. Librarian Wendy Fjorden also submitted a request for funding a subscription for the JSTOR database. She indicated this is the premier database for journal articles, literacy criticism, and peer-reviewed literature, and it is the top-ranked database for research. Students would be trained in finding credible sources using this database with library instruction. It would be a valuable resource for IB students and teachers. The cost would be between \$1500 and \$2500, and she requested any amount IBPA could provide. Those board members familiar with JSTOR agreed that it would be a valuable resource for students to use in writing their extended essays, as well as for other areas of study such as science and social studies. Will Klunder made a motion to fund \$500 towards the start-up of a

JSTOR database subscription. Elizabeth Wilkes seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jay Voncannon indicated that if there is a shortfall in the remaining funding that another request should be submitted to the IBPA.

New Business

Big Do Rat Race

The Big Do will be Sept 1, 2010 at 5:30 PM on the front lawn of East High. Tammy Kenagy has once again agreed to be our “Rat Courier”. Deirdre O’Farrell passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help run the booth. Betsy Redler volunteered to get candy and ice pops from Sam’s Club to use for prizes. Deirdre had extra t-shirts for volunteers and reminded all those that help to sign the bottom of our rat race maze at the end of the evening.

Newsletter Ideas

Mary Shepard shared the plans she has for the upcoming newsletter and asked for input from the group. The next newsletter will include thank-yous for those that helped with Senior Recognition last May, and a list of donors since the start of this school year. There will be introductions of the new teachers and of the new freshman representative on the IBPA Board. An article about the new district website was suggested. Mary asked that we e-mail her with any other ideas that should be included in the first newsletter for 2010-2011.

Faculty Appreciation Luncheon

The Faculty Appreciation Luncheon will be Thursday October 14, 2010. Mr. Shook will handle informing the faculty and getting a head count of those planning to attend. Betsy Redler volunteered to contact Mary Wheeler to confirm that Mary will chair the luncheon again this year. We will have sign-up sheets for volunteers and dessert bakers at the IB Open House this evening.

Old Business

Senior Recognition

Betsy Redler had a handout prepared with summary notes about Senior Recognition. It was very successful, with 600-700 people in attendance. It was held the day before graduation this year and did not conflict with Stars as in previous years. The summary notes addressed the quantity of food items and can be referred to when planning next year’s event. We will need to consider that next year food will not be allowed in the auditorium, so we may need to plan more time for the reception, and to have drop tables at the auditorium doors. We should also plan to have a clean-up crew for after IB Talented in the future.

Hana Choi

Jay Voncannon asked for an update on Hana Choi. Mr. Shook reported that she is back attending East. There are actually two IB students in wheelchairs this year. Hana is doing well, but returns to Chicago for two weeks every six months for physical therapy.

IB Open House

IB Open House will take place this evening, August 19th, at 6:45 PM. Board Members are asked to help staff the IBPA information table outside the library during their child’s elective periods. Brochures are ready to be passed out tonight, and there will be a basket for donations and sign-up sheets for volunteers.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM. The next meeting of the IBPA Board will be September 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Kilgour
IBPA Secretary

