

East High IB Parents' Association
Minutes from September 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Board President Deirdre O'Farrell.

Present: Deirdre O'Farrell, Betsy Redler, Laura Kilgour, Jay Voncannon, Elizabeth Wilkes, Tammy Doyel, Cal Wiebe, Nancy LeCompte, Mary Shepard, Brent Anderson, Nanacy Hwang, Steve Shook

Absent: Aaron Santry, Dee Marsh, Will Klunder

Visitors: Dyana Diffin, Joe Camenzind, Mandy Jordan, Sue Tirukonda, Shawna Kingrey, Brenda Lawton

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The minutes from the September 16, 2010 IBPA Board meeting were reviewed. Jay Voncannon made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Cal Wiebe and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nancy LeCompte reported that two previously unfunded proposals had been paid this month. \$500 was debited for the orchestra trip and \$70 was spent on new teacher gifts. We have a current balance of \$8169.03 with three unfunded proposals and one bill remaining from the Big Do. Tammy Doyel made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Jay Voncannon seconded the motion. All voted in approval.

IB Coordinator's Report

Mr. Shook introduced East High Principal, Ken Thiessen, who expressed thanks to our IBPA for our time and energy. Mr. Thiessen reported that the 2010-2011 school year is off to a good start.

Mr. Shook continued his report with updates on last month's proposals. Librarian Wendy Fjorden has withdrawn her request that IBPA fund a subscription to a national newspaper after learning that it would cost \$828.00 to subscribe to the NY Times. She is now looking at an online subscription to the NY Times. Also, Ms. Fjorden attended a training seminar 2 weeks ago and learned that the state of Kansas has opened up several new resources for databases that our school district may access through KanEd. These offer much more than the previous databases available to our students and staff. Ms. Fjorden has withdrawn her request for funding for the JSTOR database subscription for this year. She will test out the resources available through KanEd and reevaluate for next year. Mr. Shook brought us a resubmitted request from Mr. Hamant for \$1200 to fund a digital projector, laptop computer, and some additional equipment to make the project complete. This request had been deferred in August with the understanding that Mr. Hamant would be receiving some funds from FOPA and we had not yet received contributions for the 2010-2011 year. There was discussion regarding the high cost for a small group of students and whether there was a possibility USD 259 would pay for part of the cost. Also discussed was the need to provide what is necessary for our students testing in music to be successful. Cal Wiebe made a motion to fund \$500 towards the purchase of the requested equipment and Jay Voncannon seconded the motion. Five members voted in favor, five members voted in opposition, and the motion failed. Nancy LeCompte made a motion to fund \$600 towards Mr. Hamant's request, which was seconded by Betsy Redler. The vote was 8 in favor and 1 opposed, and the motion passed.

Mr. Shook reported that IB exam fees are due at the end of October. He has had one scholarship request from a family with two students testing and medical fees at home. Mr. Shook reminded us that anytime a family asks for a scholarship he asks them to fill out the forms to apply for free or reduced lunch fees. If a family qualifies for that program they are also qualified to receive the reduced percentage off test fees. The scholarship request is for \$333. Betsy Redler moved and Nancy LeCompte seconded that IBPA fund \$333 towards IB test fees for this family. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher Requests

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
\$100	pizza for academic lunch groups	M. Gallagher
\$250	class set of books for IB Psychology	Crystal Pilcher
\$339.50	Water test kit refills	Beth Rohrig

The request from Matt Gallagher to fund a pizza lunch for the last weekly meeting of the academic improvement groups passed unanimously after a motion was made by Betsy Redler and seconded by Brent Anderson. Ms. Pilcher requested 25 copies of Understanding Research Methods in Psychology, a book written by Jenni Jameson, IB Psychology teacher from Florida. It is an updated, 2011 version, that is designed to support HL psychology students through paper 3. Jay Voncannon moved to accept this proposal and Cal Wiebe seconded the motion. All voted in approval. Beth Rohrig, IB chemistry teacher, requested refills for the water test kits that are used each year for the Group 4 project, which all science students must do as part of their IB diploma requirements. Laura Kilgour made a motion to fund this proposal which passed unanimously after being seconded by Tammy Doyel.

New Business

Faculty Appreciation Luncheon

Betsy Redler reported that Mary Wheeler will serve as chair for the Faculty Luncheon on October 14th. Mary will be overseeing the caterer, but no decision has been made as to who will be catering. Betsy called for suggestions and a Mexican theme using Abuelos was suggested. Sweet Basil was also mentioned as a possibility. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around. One volunteer is needed to be the e-mail coordinator to confirm all other volunteers. Another volunteer is needed to e-mail goodie bakers. In addition, volunteers are needed at the luncheon to set-up starting at 10:00am, serve starting at noon, and clean-up starting about 1:30pm. We will provide a beverage station with iced tea and water.

Newsletter Sponsorship

Cal Wiebe has volunteered to contribute \$400 as a single sponsor for the 2010-2011 editions of our IB Parent Newsletter. This will allow us to use our funds for other requests. There will be a small recognition of his sponsorship in the newsletter.

Retirement Gift

Mr. Best retired during the summer and we did not have the opportunity to honor him at Senior Recognition as is customary for retiring IB Teachers. In the past, the IBPA has given retirees a gift card from Watermark Books. Jay Voncannon made a motion to fund the purchase of a retirement gift card for Mr. Best. Nancy LeCompte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Laura Kilgour volunteered to see that Mr. Best receives this gift.

Old Business

Big Do Rat Race

The total cost of running the Rat Race at the Big Do this year was less than \$20. Tammy Kenagy arranged to “rent the mice”. They were returned to the store the day following the big event. The disadvantage of this arrangement was that the mice had not been on a diet leading up to the Big Do, and they were not very interested in eating the cheese puffs! Mr. Shook suggested we check with Barry Rogust, former East IB Biology teacher about being our mice supplier next year. He raises mice and snakes and might be willing to provide us with mice that would be hungry. Deirdre asked that the Rat Race table and box of supplies be stored at a location other than her garage. No volunteers were noted. Aaron Santry and his 5th grade son manned the booth, and although the mice were not eating which made the races lengthy, the Race still drew a crowd of people willing to pay to watch the mice. Aaron has some ideas to try for next year’s race.

Newsletter Ideas

Mary Shepard reported that the Fall newsletter is almost complete. She is waiting for the IB Coordinator’s article and a list of upcoming dates. The newsletter will include the list of this year’s eight National Merit Semifinalists, and introductions of the two new to IB teachers for the 2010-2011 school year.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM. The next meeting of the IBPA Board will be October 21, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Kilgour
IBPA Secretary