

IB PARENT ASSOCIATION (IBPA) MEETING MINUTES – January 12, 2017

- I. **Introductions/Welcome** - Meeting called to order at 1pm by Board Vice President, Makayla Welch. Meeting attendees: Carlos Wriedt, Suzanne Laycock, Maria Mason, Tanya Flores, Steve Whisenhant, Aaron Santry, Steven Shook
- II. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes** – Maria Mason motioned to approve December’s minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Carlos Wriedt presented the January 2017 financial report. IBPA has a balance of approximately \$6,660. IBPA received over \$500 in donations as a response to the End-of-the-Year Letter issued by Kim Curry. Steve Whisenhant motioned to approve as presented. The report was approved.
- IV. **IB Coordinator’s Report/Requests for Funding**
 - 1) No funding requests.
 - 2) ***PIB Applications*** – Have received 140-150 applications to date, which is low. The last parent meeting had strong attendance. Testing begins this weekend.
 - 3) ***Freshman World History & Government*** – Incoming freshmen will take one semester of World History in the fall, and one semester of Government in the spring with the same teacher. This will be a permanent schedule change for the PIB program. Summer 2017 will be the last time students can fulfill their required Government class for USD259 graduation in the summer.
 - 4) ***Teacher Retirement*** - Beth Rohrig (IB Chemistry) has decided to retire. Her position will be posted publicly as there is no internal candidate identified at East High School. (SPOILER ALERT: Don’t tell Ms. Rohrig!) Aaron Santry made a motion to approve a \$25 Watermark gift card from IBPA. Steve Whisensant seconded.
- V. **New Business**
 - 1) ***IBPA Funds*** – A discussion ensued about how to use the organization’s current funds. Feedback from students indicate that most attend the required speaker event for their class, and have not been motivated to seek out the other talks provided. Other ideas include:
 - Organizing attendance a visit to a larger college fair in a neighboring state;
 - Funding group training sessions on college searches and/or testing;
 - Recognizing teachers who act as mentors and spend extra time helping students with their Extended Essays.Makayla Welch will email the board and request ideas for future review. More feedback is needed from the board and IB families on how to support student, their families and the staff in IB’s mission.
 - 2) ***Website Domain*** – Steve Whisensant made a motion for domain name registration for IBPA at a cost of up to \$20/year. Maria Mason seconded. The motion was approved. Steve will update the board on the progress of the website.

VI. Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb. 25	8a-4:30pm	IB Interviews - IBPA table with information (parents?)
Thursday, March 9	6:30pm	IBPA Meeting (South Library) – Officer Slate Presented
Saturday, March 11	8a-4:30pm	IB Interviews – IBPA table with information (parents?)
April ?	evening	Extended Essay work night – 2-4 parent hosts needed
Thursday, April 13	1pm	IBPA Meeting (C204)
Sunday, May 7	2-4pm	Senior Recognition – Chair and MANY volunteers needed
Thursday, May 11	1pm	IBPA Meeting (C204)

Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.

Minutes submitted by Board Secretary, Suzanne Laycock