

- I. **Introductions/Welcome** – Meeting was called to order by Carlos Wriedt, President. Meeting attendees: Steve Whisenant, Grishma Ajmera, Suzanne Laycock, Tanya Flores, Maria Mason, Kristy Laufer Nelson (freshman rep), Ross Lee, Aaron Santry (freshman rep), Tia Owens & Steven Shook (IB Coordinator). Guests: Sveta Yakubovich, Patricia & Jeff Blessant, Michelle Mally, Suzanne Tobias, Kirk Seminoff, Steven P. Smith
  
- II. **Approval of June Meeting Minutes** – Tanya Flores motioned to approve the August meeting minutes. Grishma Ajmera seconded. The minutes were accepted as presented.
  
- III. **Review of Treasurer’s Report** – Steve Whisenant motioned to approve August’s report. Maria Mason seconded. The report was accepted as presented. Aaron Santry mentioned that donations from PayPal need to be rerouted. Right now, DECA uses EHS’ school account for their transactions. Aaron will work with East High’s faculty DECA sponsor to make it easier for families to contribute to IBPA from the website. If links need to be adjusted, Steve Whisenant will assist.
  
- IV. **IB Coordinator’s Report**
  - A) 2 Grant Requests approved: 1) From Shanna Zimmerman (\$35) – Episodes of “The Profit” and “Shark Tank” to view in Business Management SL  
2) From Michael Boykins (\$48) – annual submission of college folders from IB juniors.
  
  - B) IB Enrollment Fees: Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches will continue to receive district assistance in paying their enrollment fees for IB classes. The cost to USD259 is approximately \$12,000/year.
  
  - C) IB Student Advisory Council: Mr. Shook will select students from the various class levels to provide feedback.
  
  - D) IB Shadow Visits: In January 2017, sophomores provided the shadowing opportunities for PIB applicants. Tina Sayler, IB Assistant, advised returning to the tradition of having PIB applicants shadow freshmen because of higher availability of student volunteers, and the more realistic class experience.
  
  - E) IB Test Fees: Reminder that they are due in October.
  
- V. **IBPA Presence at Big Do**

Carlos Wriedt led a discussion on whether IBPA should have a table and presence at this year’s Big Do event. It was decided that since the event has changed to showcase student clubs, and fund raisers for those clubs, that IBPA would not request a table this year. Parents will be free to enjoy the event with their kids.
  
- VI. **Proposed Change to Bylaws to Allow 2 Freshman Representatives** – Aaron Santry distributed a copy of a proposed change to IBPA bylaws. The amendment will be voted on at October’s IBPA meeting. The vote will be open to all parents. The revised section to be approved reads as follows:

*“The freshman class parent representative will be elected annually at the beginning of each school year. In an effort to promote new parent involvement, the Board of Directors may allow two freshman parents to serve as co-freshman parent representatives. When the next year’s slate of officers is presented, one of the co-freshman parents should be moved into an at-large, vice-president, treasurer, or secretary role.”*

**VII. Contact Information Gap** – Steve Whisenhant has concluded that IBPA has a significant lack of contact information for IB junior and senior families. He and Mr. Shook will develop a handout requesting information from these families to be distributed during Parent-Teacher conferences. If the response during conferences is low, a second attempt will be made in October. In addition, Aaron Santry motioned to approve \$150 to develop and print a mailer or flyer to be send directly to IB families to capture the contact information. Tia Owens seconded the motion, which was passed.

**VIII. Speakers Series/TEDx Events** – Aaron Santry reported on his research into a TEDx Event being held as an alternative to the Speakers Series. Sponsoring such an event is expensive and very time-consuming. At this time, no action will be taken to set up such an event. More ideas from parents and board members is welcome.

**IX. New Business**

- 1) Senior Recognition – The date of Sunday, May 6, 2018 was proposed. Tia Owens motioned to approve. Maria Mason seconded. All were in favor.
- 2) Third Freshman Representative – Steve Whisenhant will contact the third parent who expressed interest during IB Freshman Orientation to see if she is interested in an at-large representative position.
- 3) IB Newsletter – Tia Owens pointed out that if this publication is revived, it would be an additional way of communicating information to IB families.

**X. Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, November 2 @ 6:30pm	IBPA Meeting, Library
Tuesday, December 7 @ 6:30pm	IBPA Meeting, Library

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Minutes submitted by Board Secretary, Suzanne Laycock