

MINUTES OF THE EAST IBPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING — JANUARY 9, 2020

In attendance: IB Coordinator Michael Boykins; IB Counselor Meghann Ewy; President Ross Lee; Vice President Tanya Flores; Treasurer Steven Smith; Secretary Kirk Seminoff; Past President Steve Whisenant; Representatives Grishma Ajmera, Patricia Blessant, Jason Niblack, Deborah Smith; parents Anthony Au, Tamala Cocannouer, Rosa Diaz, Rama Ganti, Mini Siddique.

Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Lee announced that Kristy Laufer-Nelson has resigned her position as a representative for the parents of the Class of 2021.

Minutes: The minutes of the Dec. 5, 2019 meeting were approved (S. Smith motion/Flores second) without opposition.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Smith reported that the December fundraising letter had some success in garnering contributions. There were a total of seven donations since the Dec. 5 meeting — one prior to the fundraising letter — that brought in a total of \$779.99. Additionally, there were two contributions via the PayPal account since the Dec. 5 meeting totaling \$450. Year-to-date contributions to the PayPal account total \$500, with \$15.40 of those contributions going as a fee to PayPal.

There are expenditures of \$84.14 (for the fundraising letter) not yet charged to our account. Total expenditures for 2019-20, including the outstanding \$84.14, is at \$1,574.48. The ending balance, minus outstanding expenditures, is \$4,678.36.

The \$2,824.59 in contributions for 2019-20 has already exceeded 2018-19 (\$1,781.30). Smith said we are starting to build a balance back up to where it has been historically.

Boykins said a letter was sent to IB alumni from the years 2000-16. He reported a positive response for the creation of an alumni database. Some alumni gave information on where they are and what they're doing.

January program: Ewy presented information about online enrollment. She said it has been an intense enrollment season by marrying two processes — traditional paper enrollment and online enrollment, where students enter their own course codes. Ewy talked about four-year plans with students in December, and the Class of 2021 enrolled that month and their courses for their senior year are now locked. Those juniors will have a two-week period beginning at the end of April for changes. For the Classes of 2022 and 2023, enrollment forms are preset with required classes (Government, World History, English). Ewy is working with those classes on their plans in making sure all graduation requirements are scheduled to be met.

Ewy said online enrollment is user-friendly. She will rejoin freshmen and sophomores in the next week to collect forms and doublecheck requirements. A program of studies is available to

view on the East IB site. Ewy also handed out copies of the “golden ticket,” the gold-colored form that lists what classes are scheduled to be taught during what hours next year.

Questions from parents: How often does Ewy meet with students? Meets with freshmen and sophomores four times, juniors three (compressed time schedule).

In what classes do you meet? English for juniors, science classes and English for freshmen and sophomores.

What are the four meetings? Introduction to the four-year plan, collect the four-year plan, introduction to the enrollment form and completion of the testing forecast and instructions for online enrollment, and finally a wrap-up session with courses locked.

Ewy said 89 juniors are in the program, which Boykins said was the highest junior number in his 13 years at East.

Boykins and Ewy said a new district math curriculum has changed IB math paths. HL Calculus is now available only if a student takes Geometry in the summer. A question was asked about Geometry and Theory of Knowledge courses during zero hour (approximately 7 a.m.). Boykins said surveys said no to a zero hour. Students don't want it, Theory of Knowledge teachers didn't want it, and moving a section to 7 a.m. would also take away a section from the normal school day. Boykins said other IB programs will hold evening or Saturday TOK classes, something East will not implement. Whisenant said making Government and Financial Literacy available in the summer helped students because it brought IB and district curriculums together.

Whisenant suggested better data gathering for performing-arts participation, pointing out that two performing arts credits are required in the senior year. Many kids will give up on a performing arts HL because of that restriction, yet aren't part of the data that would help administrators learn of the true interest in a performing arts HL.

Teacher requests: Boykins requested \$321.47 for the new IB room on west second floor that was previously a Gifted office. Students have created murals and art outside and inside the room, and Boykins requested reimbursement for \$181.47 already spent on paint supplies and another \$140 for varnish to help preserve the artwork. A motion (Lee/Cocannouer) to approve the full amount was approved without opposition.

Senior recognition: It was decided without opposition to schedule the IB senior recognition ceremony for Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m. East graduation is May 19.

February topic: After discussion, it was decided to ask a social worker to speak to the group about the balance of mental health for students.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., at which time Boykins showed parents the IB room.

— Kirk Seminoff, secretary