

East High IBPA Minutes

Date: November 3, 2022

Tme: Meeting called to order @ 6:40pm by Patresa Ebersole

In Attendance:

Patresa Ebersole (President)

Tanya Flores (At-Large)

Esau Freeman(Vice-President)

Michael Boykins (Ex-Officio/IB
Director)

Anthony Au (Treasurer)

Chip Budde

Mini Siddique (Senior Rep)

Kevin Stultz

Sueanna Budde (Sophomore Rep)

Sheila Allen

Robert Altergott (Freshman Rep)

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes from October 2022 meeting - Motion to approve made by Mini Siddique, second by Sueanna Budde, approved.

Treasurer's Report - We received one donation and have a \$820.58 deficit this year. Motion to approve with an additional \$12.58 to cover the cost of the Spanish books* made by Sueanna Budde, second by Mini Siddique, approved.

Current bank account - \$3,782.05

1 donation - \$50

Disbursements - \$272.58*

Approved but not yet charged to account \$199 (IB Chemistry ? Bank)

*We approved \$81 for the Spanish books in September, the total cost was \$93.58. We approved an additional \$12.58 to cover the difference

IB Director's Report (Michael Boykins)

Faculty Requests:

- Mr. Harcus is requesting white board erasers for PIB geometry (grades 9-11) for student white boards
 - 3 sets (\$9.99 each) \$29.97. Each set has multiple erasers.
 - **Esau Freeman made a motion to approve full funding, second by Sueanna Budde. Approved with a unanimous vote.**
- Mrs. Dunkelberger is requesting 29 seat sacks for chair backs (grades 10-12)

- She has had a deskless classroom for 3 years, which has freed up space to be used in creative and meaningful ways and has removed the distance between teacher and students and the students themselves. The challenge has been storing writing surfaces for the students to use when needed. The seat sacks would attach to each chair, keeping the writing surface and other items with the seat at all times.
- 29 seat sacs (\$13.95 each) \$404.55
- Kevin Stultz offered to donate \$200 towards the purchase of the seat sacks.
- **Tanya Flores made a motion to approve full funding of \$404.55 with a donation covering \$200, second by Sueanna Budde. Approved with a unanimous vote.**

Scholarship Request:

- A student (grade 12) is requesting \$250 to cover the cost of 3 IB exams.
 - The student does qualify for free/reduced status, and \$250 covers the entire cost of the exams.
 - Mini Siddique offered to donate \$250 to cover the scholarship request.
 - **Sueanna Budde made a motion to approve the full funding of \$250 with a donation covering \$250, second by Tanya Flores. Approved with a unanimous vote.**

Additional: (see President's Report for additional discussion)

The requests led to a discussion about donations and how to make IBPA more visible. Currently IBPA shares information at IB Open House and sends out a donation request in December. Patresa Ebersole also suggested doing something in the spring. We need to:

- make families aware of donation opportunities, and what IBPA supports
- make alumni aware of donation opportunities
- create a QR code for IBPA donations
- take advantage of company gift matching (find out what the school needs to do to complete those forms)

President's Report (Patresa Ebersole)

Teacher and staff holiday gifts

- IBPA gives the teachers and staff holiday treats from the Nifty Nut House. It's a mix of peppermint bark, milk chocolate pretzels and Christmas tree pretzels. Since COVID the Nifty Nut House has packaged the gifts. IBPA adds a note to the gift.
- Need 49 gifts
- **Sueanna Budde made a motion to approve up to \$250 for teacher and staff holiday gifts, second by Mini Siddique. Approved with a unanimous vote.**
- Tanya Flores will place and pick up the order at the Nifty Nut House.
- Tanya Flores, Mini Siddique, Sueanna Budde, Patresa Ebersole and Patricia Blessant volunteered to help with the gifts.

December fundraising letter

- We discussed donations, how to get the word out to families and alumni
 - Mr. Boykins said Alex can create a QR code for donations
 - We will send the donation request via postcard and email
 - send the traditional letter via email, which will include personal stories (student and teacher testimonies).
 - send an oversized postcard with a QR code to all families because some families block emails.
 - Alumni
 - We discussed sharing the donation letter and QR code with teachers and retired teachers who keep in touch with alumni on Facebook and social media.
 - We can initially send newsletter to alumni & include QR code in newsletter
- **Sueanna Budde made a motion to approve up to \$450 for the fundraising mailer, second by Esau Freeman. Approved with a unanimous vote.**

New Business

Zoom

- We discussed how to hold IBPA meetings going forward. Using individual Zoom accounts has led to Zoom not being available at meetings if the account owner is not there. Trying to have an in person meeting interact with a Zoom meeting also has its issues.
 - IBPA can purchase its own Zoom account. Zoom Pro is \$150/year with up to a 50% discount for nonprofits.
 - Mini Siddique suggested using Google Meets, which is free. IBPA already has a Google account. Microsoft Teams was also suggested but can't be used because it would have to go through Mr. Boykins.
 - We realize the value and convenience of offering a way to attend meetings online. Zoom attendance is low though and doesn't justify purchasing or using an account or the work involved with having an online option.
 - **All IBPA meetings will be in person only, starting with the December 2022 meeting.**

Meeting Topic: School Safety (Michael Boykins)

● New main entrance

- Incident last year and the influx of parents picking up students created a mess. The district realized the East main entrance set up wasn't secure or designed to accommodate a lot of people.
- A new safe and secure main entrance is being built. It will have a foyer with a full time security officer and individuals will need to show id.
- Quentina Bevan will be at the air controlled entrance to direct people where to go. There will be a bell touch system where she will unlock the doors from her desk. Alex Millan and Crystal Engram will have a separate entrance.

- The main entrance will move to the gym foyer while the new entrance is being built.
- East will be construction free at the start of the 2023-24 school year (main entrance, science wing and B building).
- **East has a new 31 (security - SRO)**
 - Brayden Byrd - WPD, full time, she has good connections and presence with the students
 - Aric St. Vrain - previous SRO, promoted, still part of East for transition purposes, not at East every day
- **Parking lot lights**
 - Needed for admin. and staff that stay late, and zero hour classes ○ There aren't any lights in the west parking lot at this time, working on something temporary. This is a concern.
 - Green house was broken into (items were stolen)
- **Safety last week and this week**
 - Students are significantly vandalizing the bathrooms
 - This is not all gang related, admin. has talked with the gang members ○ Creates a lot of extra work for the custodians
 - Temporarily closed most bathrooms, only certain ones are open ○ Teachers and students are frustrated, but admin. needs to know who is responsible for it, so it stops before the bathrooms will be reopened ○ Too many students have bathroom passes (given by the teachers, students coordinate bathroom visits with others)
- **General violence at East**
 - Physical violence
 - Drugs
 - Weapons
 - Threats and intimidation
 - WPS has a zero tolerance policy
 - Students are prosecuted, 31 students had hearings in USD 259 (like court) with a hearing officer (similar to a judge)
 - Neighborhood fights and incidents at local businesses that involve East students (off campus), WPD needs to be called because East is involved only when it happens on campus, East has meetings set up with community businesses, Officer Byrd is the liaison between East and the community.
 - Freshman caused most of the trouble at the beginning of the year - they were weeded out (this affects the graduation rate).
 - East monitors tardies and attendance, they do hall sweeps (shouldn't be permanent). These tie into student behavior at East. They set goals to reduce tardies, absences and hall sweeps.
 - IB students aren't physically fighting. They skip school but aren't doing bad things.
- **Technology use and safety (impacts IB students)**
 - Disrupts class - East confiscates phones and laptops
 - Bullying using cell phones
 - During COVID/online class IB was the worst
 - IMPORTANT: parents need to talk to students about online safety, parents should

know what social media their child is on and know passwords

Students:

- are beating the point check systems on technology
- use google docs for threats (communication)
- are smart enough to bypass security blocks and share that with others
- use burner phones
- use fake icons to hide real apps
- There have been roughly 12 events involving IB students and technology recently
- A lot of tips come from “speak up”, students lack discretion and will tell all, school spirit and school pride are important to the students
- **Reiterated that the safety issues have increased, but overall the masses are amazing and doing phenomenal things in the classrooms and the community. It’s the select few that are causing the problems.**
- **Metal detectors**
 - Will have the most metal detectors due to number of entrances ○ East will start training staff after winter break - requires manpower (3 people per machine), 3 machines at main entrance
 - Delivery is delayed (on back order)
 - Anyone stepping outside needs to be rescanned, East has B Building

Additional Business

- **Senior Recognition**
 - Event will be April 23, 2023, the Blue Carpet Gala is April 26 and Mr. Boykins wants the IB students to have their stoles for that
 - Graduation is May 18, 2023
 - Tanya Flores volunteered to coordinate Senior Recognition

Meeting adjourned: 8:32pm

Next meeting December 1, 2022 @ 6:30pm in the East Hangar

Submitted by Tanya Flores, filling in for IBPA Secretary