

EAST HIGH IBPA MINUTES

Date: March 2, 2023

Time: Meeting called to order @ 6:30 pm by Patresa Ebersole.

In Attendance:

Patresa Ebersole (President)
Patricia Blessant (Secretary)
Tanya Flores (At-Large)
Anthony Au (Treasurer)
Kevin Stultz
Esau Freeman (Vice President)

Jonna Woodson
Michael Boykins (Ex-Oficio/IB Director)
Sueanna Budde (Sophomore rep)
Mini Siddique (Senior Rep)
Meghann Ewy (IB Counselor)

Welcome and Introductions - Fav basketball team or movie

Approval of Minutes from February 2023 meeting - Motion to approve - Sueanna Budde, second - Tanya Flores. Approved unanimously via voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve - Tanya Flores, second - Mini Siddique. Approved unanimously via voice vote.

Current bank account balance - \$ 4260.65

Contributions in February - \$265.63 (\$80 is from a parent donation to fund graphic design for the IB donation letter)

Disbursements in February - \$ 82.25

Yet to pay - \$200.00 for Mr. O'Brien's teacher request

Net deficit for the 2022/2023 school year - \$341.98

- About 70% of spending so far this year has been on teacher requests.

Question was asked about the discrepancy between the monetary contributions in 2014/15 vs. current.

- Mr. Boykins shared that IBPA is not a fundraising organization, funds are procured via donations.
- Members suggested some reasons for lower donation amounts - inflation, COVID, asking for donations hasn't been as focused, the IB parents may have had more to donate in previous years, less face to face interaction may have resulted in fewer donations.
- Patresa shared that a flier is going to go out showing how close we are to our \$4000 donation goal. It was recently sent out to IB alumni. Five donations have come in from the alumni via the QR code on the letter.
- Suggestion to use Venmo or CashApp, however, the school district won't allow for use of those apps.
- Anthony Au shared that in his observation, when we spend less, people will donate less.
- Mr. Boykins shared that enrollment software used by USD 259 is set up in a way that all schools have a similar experience. Adding a special IBPA donation option for parents to use during enrollment would disrupt the system.
- Suggestion to increase fundraising donation goal to \$10,000. Concern expressed that \$10k is too high. Flier *may* change to \$8000.
- Mr. Boykins - Senor Shelly's retirement party and 100 year celebration are chances to have a strong IB presence.

IB Director's Report (Michael Boykins)

Faculty requests -

- Ms. Robinson - French teacher - set of 10 books in French - famous French people/ Francophone culture
- \$76 per unit - requesting 1 unit (Total - \$94.53 including tax and shipping)
- These books will be available for student use during free choice reading.

- Can be used by the other French teacher
- About 25 students currently, but the program is new and expected to grow - books will be for 9-12th grade
- Motion to approve - Esau Freeman, second - Sueanna Budde. Unanimously approved via voice vote

President's Report (Patresa Ebersole)

- **End of year meetings**
 - **April** - Cammie Kennedy (East High College and Career Counselor) will speak about summer opportunities for students.
 - **May** - Senor Shelly's Retirement Party: May 4, 2023
 - Donations and volunteers needed (look for Sign Up Genius)
 - Requesting pictures, video, stories, etc - request for someone who can pull it all together for viewing during the party
- **IB Recognition Ceremony prep/volunteers**
 - Tanya Flores has volunteered to lead the committee for IB Recognition Ceremony
 - Donations and volunteers needed (look for Sign Up Genius)

New Business (P. Ebersole)

- President, VP, Treasurer, a few new At-Large members are needed for 2023-2024 school year

Committee Reports

- Newsletter(Lainie and Sara): Feb. 2023 edition is ready to send to parents

Speaker Presentation - Ms. Ewy - 'College Prep Information'

- Ms. Ewy introduced herself as IB counselor. 4th year at East
- Talking about time management issues with her child, also an IB student, has given her a new perspective on student concerns.
- Ms. Ewy sends out links to students to help keep them on track
- Handouts were given to those at the meeting and are a preview of what Juniors will receive during TOK after Spring Break.
- Juniors - free opportunity to attend College & Career Bootcamp (May 30 - June3) @ Southeast HS. The College & Career Day portion will be @ WSU the morning of Saturday, June 3rd.
- Students are encouraged to put time in on Xello (software) - Cammie Kennedy uses that information to match students with scholarship opportunities.
- Official transcripts MUST be ordered through Parchment
- Top 5 list re: college
 - Financial understanding and communication - how financial awards are given is different than in years past.
 - It is harder to compare schools now even among public colleges/universities. For instance, WSU is still on a grid system utilizing GPA and Standardized tests while KU is GPA only.
 - Parents/students need to research and talk to their child in order to set realistic expectations re: college finances. Of the 71 students in the Class of 2024, 62% answered that they want to go out of state, but have no idea how much college costs. Ms. Ewy will do an activity with them to help them see the actual cost.
 - Many have not spoken to parents about college - conversations need to occur early so the expectations can be realistic.
 - ACT/SAT - many colleges don't use this for admittance, but may use scores for merit scholarships.

- College is a business
 - They will fit the data to match their narrative. Students need to be encouraged to see what university matches their preferred environment and career.
 - Organization is key!
 - Students should have a place where they track their usernames, passwords, deadlines, etc... Students need to learn to be proactive in conversation.
 - Where are passwords stored - if on phone, have a back up.
 - Comparison - Remember that students will share and compare where they want to go to school, where they are applying, etc. Some students have been together for 7+ years and it can be challenging to think of branching out.
- College graduation rates are around 30-40%
 - Utilize IB counselor website for important documents. Ms. Ewy plans to put grade level folders on her website.
 - Ms. Ewy expressed thanks to the people that have donated snacks. Students are excited for the snacks - snacks help facilitate conversation.
 - Ms. Ewy has been and will continue working on helping students “recover” from COVID.

Question -

- Is communication harder for young people because so much is done on their phones?
 - Yes. Ms. Ewy has fidgets in her office, students can sit or stand for the meeting. Some need extra coaching on soft skills.
 - Small groups. Ms. Ewy has chosen academics as the focus for this semester. The group started with students who are struggling to provide a place for support. Students must volunteer to be there. Meetings start on time and end on time. They alternate hours so the student is not missing the same class every time.
 - Mr. Boykins suggested students send thank you cards - soft skills of being able to communicate and send a note are critical to making an impression.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. by Patresa Ebersole

Next meeting April 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm in the East Hangar

Submitted by Patricia Blessant, IBPA Secretary