

ICS PTSA Meeting
September 8, 2015

Notes

Principal's Report – Dr. Greg Moncada

Questions now:

- Why psych class doesn't have OT credit?
Occupational Ed and CTE credit.
Students that are required by state/district to have CTE or OcEd class in order to graduate. If had asked the right question, would not have listed psych. CompSci was another CTE course, didn't know that we needed another. Process 18 months in advance (last October). Have to develop a framework, 15 pgs long. Didn't understand the resolution. Have additional CTE certified teacher, has class ready, could move students who need that to the new class.
Going forward will all kids have to take something like this? Yes. AP/CTE/OcEd certified electives will be offered for all HS students.
- Why's the backpack so heavy? Such heavy textbooks! Will laptops alleviate? Sort of, but yes, textbooks are heavy.

SBAC scores – Spring 2015

Students did well (except Jrs, average affected by the many who didn't take it)

Advanced Placement

Hard to get an average number – very few students taking them. CompSci was new this year.

Staffing changes

New

- Cindy Simon – Librarian
- Dana Hsi – Chemistry
- Shelley Eirich – International Studies
- Kelsey Cummings – High School and Beyond/Career Cruising Counselor
- Robert Collins: Choir, Band, Orchestra

Returning

- Ms. Lentz, Ms. Miranda, Ms. Packer

Accreditation – Mission statement redone – Faculty will present at next PTSA meeting. Now starting to work on grading standards.

Large Docket Items

- Career Development
- Refine the Block
- Refine decision making model
- How to use SBAC data

Celebrations

- Student Summit – 10, 11, 12 students on campus, some ran/others didn't. How was that time being used? Developed Student Summit (Lis Christensen and Mc. Van Waardhuizen). Required attendance.

Reminders

- Pick up / drop off – please be on time, especially in the afternoon. Will call you if kids hanging around.
- Security – need to sign in and wear red tag.
- Volunteering – Please volunteer. 30 hours required. Foreign exchange with Kobe, Japan. Need folks to help with that. Mid-Oct/Nov. Contact Dr. Moncada.
- Parent Drop Off – don't speed. May an ocean of calm descend upon you.
- Principal chats – before every PTSA meeting.

Parent Meeting

- Intro of new board members.
 - Not here – Ravi and Roya
- Thanks for Registration work and the Student Summit! Thanks also for coming to this meeting.

Proposed Changes to Standing Rules

- Board Withdrawal
 - Want to set expectation of 2 year service, so co-people in position have time to train/transition over years.
 - Also, explicitly resign, not just stop attending.
- Vote: Approved

Treasurer's Report

- Thank you to Tammy Grant (outgoing treasurer)
- Co-treasurers roles are separate: Budget (Oystein), Bookkeeping/reimbursement (Venkat)
- Full year results of financials

- Income higher by about 4K, mostly from matching funds
- Expenses were lower than expected. We underspent across all sub accounts.
- Result: a lot of money in the bank.
- Choir/Robotics clubs were in the budget. This year, no Choir (through the school)
- Chess/Math clubs are pass through accounts – not PTSA funded, just using our accounts.
- Julie Kwon – Financial Review Committee – go through all accounts/books and report out.
 - Twice a year review: Jan/July.
 - Work with treasurer and board members to review financials and records.
 - Go through checklist (State PTSA) and review records.
 - Recommendation: Consider engaging an independent bookkeeper to manage the financial records of ICS PTSA’s operating budget. \$100,000 of money coming/going. Some PTSAs engage a bookkeeper to do that.
- Financial Review/Treasurer’s Analysis
 - Carryover for this fiscal year is \$150,118.27.
 - Uncommitted funds (projection): \$86,109.78
 - Expect to spend down about \$40,000 this year.
- Budget for this year
 - In April, present preliminary budget and vote it in. If any changes over the summer, submit that and then vote on budget at first meeting of the year.
 - Total incoming budget for the year, \$114,000
 - Total expenses: \$172,350
 - Changes:
 - Site – for plantings and new flags
 - Yearbooks – Voting today – PTSA to pay for yearbooks this year (to draw down the bank account)
 - Vote – Budget approved.

Election and Open Board Positions

- Open Positions: VP Curriculum, VP Activities, 6th grade Parent At Large
- Co-President: vacancy. Board nominated Tammy Grant as acting Co-President.
 - Nominate Tammy Grant for Co-President.
 - Vote: Elected.
- Expectations for Board Members.
 - 2 year commitment (even though annual election).
 - Monthly meetings – expect to attend all meetings.
 - VP Curriculum: Art Day, Teachers, Grants Committee, Scholarship Program
 - VP Activities: Clubs, After School Activities
 - Getting chairs for committees, filling committees, participating on board
 - Small school, a lot of money, important to have an active board that ensures the school will do well. Without active board/volunteers, hard to have the Community piece at the school. Need people all year.

- Need chair of community committee – putting on things for the kids, like Pizza Day. Tea for 6th Grade Parents.
 - Being on the board means you can participate in that.
- Volunteering – 30 hours/year. Sign up on Web site. Email Kathy Thompson with issues on volunteer reporting. volunteer@icsptsa.org

Allyson Danas – Site Chair

- Worked so hard with district to support our landscaping and working to get Par Course for PE.

Other issues:

Dog poop stations – trying to get neighbors to pay for them.

Meeting adjourned