

ICS PTSA Meeting Notes

April 12, 2016

ASB Report

ASB Good Neighbors fundraiser has reached their goal!

Upcoming events:

- This Friday is Day of silence
- Coming soon: ASB underclassmen event

March Minutes

Can be reviewed on web site (coming soon, actually).

Approved by attendees.

Treasurer's report

- Income: \$3506.30. Most income from matching funds.
- Expenses: \$6593.45. Most expenses from grants and movement/dance.
- Balances: \$116,008.03 checking, \$73,402.61 savings, \$189,410.64 total.
- See online copy of the treasurer's report (coming soon)

Draft budget for next year (2016-2017)

Process for budget approval:

- Today: prelim budget, will post online
- May: vote
- Sept: final budget

Specific notes:

- Revenue, expenses both up about \$5000, so essentially the same.
- Parent contribution still \$200/415 families
- Matching has been higher than expected the last two years, so increasing expected income for that by \$5000.
- We have had high cash balances (too much for a nonprofit) so trying to run down the balance by supporting initiatives for the school from Dr. Moncada.
- New budget item: Int'l partnership for hosting exchange students
- Art day, please watch costs
- Site budget for planting move from this year to next
- Curriculum enrichment - bulk of the money going here.
- Not using college partnership money, so trimming (counselor)
- Enrichment, ongoing, recurring
- Scholarship - applications in office
- Curriculum review for faculty - one time, 3000 ongoing
- Grading review, one off
- Student summit
- Supplies yes, yearbooks no
- Teacher stipend for clubs

- Net loss for budget to run down balance.

See budget online (coming soon).

Q: Salish lodge trip, why not?

A: Faculty not available. Not curriculum component. Was a senior trip. Teacher could ask for a grant to fund it next year if so desired.

Q: Graduation is lower? Why the small amount?

A: That's what the graduating class treasurer requested.

Q: History day, don't the students pay? What's the line item?

A: The line item is for the teacher.

Principal's report

Thank you's for the PTSA support:

- Spring cleanup - 2 tins of weeds. Allyson Danas chair. Houghton neighborhood giving high marks for maintenance this year!
- Art Walk
- Scholarships
- Grading practices, curriculum review (from accreditation process)
- Robust interest in international exchange with Kobe school (KUSS)
- New service learning committee, Barb Dettweiler chair. Please get involved.

College acceptances to date - lots of great schools!

A few highlights

- Harvey Mudd
- MIT
- Boston University
- Brandeis
- Berkeley
- Lehigh
- NYU Stearns School of Business
- Georgetown McDonough School of Business

US News wants to do a feature on us next year

Please vote for the bond!

- Old schools
- Student in portables since 1970s
- Please talk to neighbors - get out the vote

SBA and other assessments

- Learned from last year. 3 Fewer days.
- Note dates your students have test. Night before:
 - Have laptop charged. Must use district laptop.
 - Get good night sleep, good breakfast

- Get here on time. Limits on when can start.
- Snacks provided
- See note from Dr. Moncada

Q: AP tests done this way?

A: No, all separate through college biard.

Q: Bio end of year course assessment? What's that?

A: For 7th graders, 3 days of assessment in classroom. Pencil/paper.

Tardies

- If driving kid to school, get there earlier. 7:18-30, big push. 7:30 is tardy. Help your kid get there on time. 3 times, email note home.
- Teachers have time to give kids a warm up if on time. When on time, can have immediate engagement.

Traffic/drop off

Dr. Moncada is monitoring. Will stop people if he sees issues. Will call police for repeated bad driving in lot/turnaround.

Dress code

Concept: Would what you're wearing be allowed if you were in an office with coworkers? Be professional. See flyer Dr. Moncada sent home.

Dr. Moncada has discussions with kids if necessary, or they might have a discussion with a counselor.

Pick up

Please pick up kids as soon as you can. Kids are not supervised after hours.

Q: Other school districts, time changes?

A: District looking into. Schedules are in review. Likely 2 years out.

Nominations and Election

Thanks to the nominations committee:

- Deborah Robertson (Chair)
- Sushmita Gupta
- Gwen Stidham-North
- Deepa Sondagar

The nominating committee has nominated the following candidates:

Position	Nominee
Co-President	Tammy Grant (Incumbent)
Co-President	Oystein Harsvik
Co-Treasurer	Venkat Ganti (Incumbent)
Co-Treasurer	Doron Avitan

Co-Secretary	Niko Schuessler (Incumbent)
Co-Secretary	Amy Yates
VP Information Support	Samantha Robertson (incumbent)
VP Community & Facilities	Deborah Robertson
VP Activities Support	Kelly Pontiff (Incumbent)
VP Curriculum Support	Vickie Kacharia (Incumbent)

New nominees introduced themselves:

- Co-treasurer nominee: Doron Avitan, current Board Member at Large, 6th grade daughter
- Co-secretary nominee: Amy Yates, also 6th grade daughter
- VP community & facilities nominee: Deborah Robertson, has been committee chair, 10th grade daughter
- Co-president nominee: Oystein Harsvik, current treasurer

Vote was called individually for each nominee who was not an incumbent:

- Oystein- approved unanimously
- Doron - approved unanimously
- Amy - approved unanimously
- Deborah - approved unanimously

Misc items

- Request for volunteer award nominations. See newsletter. Applications online: https://icsptsa.org/icsptsa/images/forms_and_documents/ptsa-awards-nomination-form.pdf. Fill out and send to Chris Lazoritz.
- Kathy Thompson, volunteer coordinator. Need committee co-chairs: Staff appreciation (start now), BBQ (nevermind, got someone). Will be sending out list for committee positions now, looking forward to next year.
- End of year BBQ. Daniel Yang, Chair. PTSA sponsors this event. We have the money, have the food to feed 500 folks. Need volunteers: Grill, set up, clean up. More the merrier. Celebrate, eat healthy. How many have/need? Email volunteer@icsptsa.org. June 14th is event, some needed to go to Costco June 13th.

Q: Discussion about community involvement/volunteering.

- Find time in your schedule to help out. Like staff appreciation.
- Need more of a sense of community? Ideas: 6/7 grade tea was helpful. Parent circles for grade group? Just casual, social time to bond the grade. 6th graders need entry into community.