

MINUTES
International School PTSA General Membership Meeting
January 26, 2023

Call to order 7:05 PM via Zoom

To be approved at next General Membership meeting.

Notice via Website and email. Quorum present.

Attendees: Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen (President), Judy Cam (Secretary), Li Lu (Treasurer 1), Vera Ho (Treasurer 2), Emilie Castle (Fundraising), Phil Bloch (Fundraising), Melissa Richardson (Outreach), Qiong Chen (Community), Jennifer Green Li (Communications)

Absent: Jessica Smiddy (Outreach), Yuting Zhu (Community), Stephen Miller (Staff Liaison)

~43 participants (via chat Jim Li, Bob Frangoles, also see list below).

Review and Approve Minutes from October General Membership Meeting (Judy)

Vote taken by count of raised hands, chats or thumbs up emojis on-line. 43 participants, zero no; >26 yes counted. Minutes from October 18, 2022 approved as written by majority vote.

Treasurer's Report (Vera/Li)

- Checking \$115,116.54
- Savings \$86,006.45

Discussed updates to 2022-23 budget:

- Corporate matching increased to \$4K
- School support decreased from ~\$16K to ~\$7K due to less funding needed for specialist
- World Language Intern decreased ~\$7K to \$0 as funding not needed
- Grant Programs increased \$20K to \$29K due to expected income from Auction (also covered by increased corporate matching and decreased spending in categories listed above)

Emilie Castle motioned to approve changes to the budget. Motion seconded.

Vote taken by count of raised hands, chats or thumbs up emojis on-line. 43 participants, zero no; >26 yes counted. The modified 2022-23 budget was approved by majority vote.

Nomination and vote for 2023-24 Board Nomination Committee

Jennifer Li, Honglian Gao and Qiong Chen volunteered to be on nomination committee.

Edward Chung motion to approve nomination committee candidates. Motion seconded. Vote taken by count of raised hands, chats or thumbs up emojis on-line. 43 participants, zero no; >29 yes counted. The nomination committee was approved by majority vote.

Fundraising (Emilie/Phil):

- Winter Auction February 4th, 6 PM @ Embassy Suites Bellevue. Theme: "All Around the World"

Principal's Q & A & Discussion (Russell White):

- Discussed January 6th statement by District that consolidation of elementary schools may help Big Picture, Jing Mei and IS with new facilities which caused some unfavorable feedback to these schools. February 7th District will make recommendations regarding which elementary schools will close.
 - IS has 600 students. Our numbers are still the same as before. There are always students that leave – biggest shift from grades 8 to 9.
 - Elementary schools don't have full size gym, 3 music rooms, student parking, or other facilities needed for a combined middle school/high school. Closing schools will not impact IS.
 - Not known if there will be a middle school consolidation.
- If community would like to provide feedback to the District about school closures, etc., they can do so by Let's Talk tab on BSD webpage <https://bsd405.org/lets-talk/>
- Bite of IS February 15th. Please sign-up or attend.
- Focus week options for students will be coming out in the next weeks.

Raffle drawing for one of the four gift cards (\$25): two Amazon, one Target, and one Netflix for attendees:

Leslie N
Jerica C
Jerry N
Thuy S

Winners will be contacted via email for mailing addresses. Congratulations and thanks for attending!

Adjourned 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Cam, Secretary

Zoom list (note some participants listed above already)

Sue Choi
Jerry Nguyen
Ramy
Meribeth
Thuy Shimizu
Anne Pace
Judy Cam (IS PTSA Secretary) (Judy Cam)
Silvia Hui (Ivan)
Shi Chen
Dena Voth
Li Wu
Jia
Attilio Mainetti (Jia)
Jie Ping (iPhone)
Jennifer Li
Qiong Chen
Mary
Vera Ho

Amanda Johnson
Will C
Phil Bloch (Confluence Environmental Company)
Rebecca Wu
Li Lu (Li)
Gang Chen
Natalie Cheng (Natalie)
Cindy (iPhone)
Russell White
Randal Taira (Randal)
Olga Shepeleva (Olga)
Wendy Wilson (wendy)
Edward
Meghan Bechthold
Hank Wang
Lesley Novotny
Jeffrey 1
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Melissa Richardson (Charlie)
Edward
Maynard
Thyda
Melissa Richardson
Emilie Castle
Iris
Gang Chen
16035918312
Yongshao Ruan (Qiong Chen)
Richard Kim
18322986921
Samir Abad
Kevin Zhao
Jenny Jau
Jerica Chen
Linda
Edith's iPhone
Kevin Zhao