

ISPTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 13th, 2020

The Commons, International School

Call to order: 6:01pm

Attendance: See sign in sheet. Quorum Present.

Meeting was announced to membership in ISPTSA Electronic Newsletter – Monday Messenger - for two weeks prior to meeting date.

Welcome to General Membership by Azfar.

- Introduction of our new counselor, Kerince Bowen

IS Update by Principal Tara Gray

- Online safety a serious concern – BSD has many processes in place to help keep kids safe, including Gaggle which helps school monitor areas of concern eg vulgarity, harassment etc. School computers are treated like a work computer and kids are aware of the fact that the content on there isn't confidential
- Excited that IS will be rebuilt in the near future, but there is no additional information to share at this point
- Focus Week – only 26 donations to date – asking for \$200 donations (average cost) – suggested it may be possible that it wasn't clear enough what the donation actually was. Suggestion to provide details of the actual cost for the programs so that parents can see what the cost is for their students, making the donation more real. CTE requirement satisfied in Junior and Senior year. Discussed how to get parent involvement in Focus Week planning. Tara still pursuing discussions with BSD but currently have no other source of funding. Suggested we start now on planning for next year, and bring parents into the conversation to help make Focus Week stronger – perhaps a brainstorming session?
- External speaker - Debra Health Educator for King County – gave an update on Coronavirus. There have been no people sick with COVID-19 in King County and only 13 in country.

PTSA Update by ISPTSA President Azfar Moazzam

- Important that everyone helps support Focus Week. PTSAs are in conversations with school on how PTSAs can support
- Updates on requests from the last General Meeting
 - PTSAs undertook an exercise to get feedback and justification on all asks and line item
 - Decided Dreambox will now be paid by school
 - Staff Development will happen this year – no guarantee will happen next year when it will be discussed by the board
- Committee Reports, including details on the Spring Social: Around the World—Celebrating Our International Community
 - Membership
 - 100% teachers have joined

- Not quite have full school membership (584 members) – still need ~80 members
- Fundraising
 - Spring Social on March 28th at Bellevue Hilton – biggest fundraiser of the year
 - Use your personal link to register
- Communications
 - Many ways to connect eg MM, website, Facebook, bulletin board, directory spot and remind.com texts
- Advocacy
 - Check inbox for invitation for Forum on school plans
- Grants
 - Allocated ~\$8700

PTSA Business:

- Approval of Minutes: Review and approve the Minutes from ISPTSA General Membership Meeting on October 10th, 2019. Minutes accepted as submitted.
- Board Nomination Committee: needed to fill open roles on Board for next school year

A motion was made to nominate Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen, Jill Follett and Beverley Ni to the nominating committee by Krista Hammer. Motion was seconded by Azfar Moazzam. Motion Passed

Vote - unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Zena Heywood - ISPTSA Secretary