



International Academy East PTIA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 20, 2009 7 PM

Call Meeting to Order

(In the IA East Media Center)

In Attendance: Awni Fakhoury, Daksha Gohil, Bettina Gamero, Eva Fleck, Bob Huber, Laurie Huber, Lisa Taylor, Debbie Gamelin

Approval of 12/16/08 Minutes

Motion to approve: by Awni Fakhoury, seconded by Daksha Gohil, motion passed

Reports:

President (D. Gamelin): Nothing to report,

Teacher Representative – Bettina Gamero

- 1) Teach Appreciation confirmed – 1/23 @ 10:40 & 12:15 (12 total)
- 2) World Studies teacher, Mr Rokicki, is writing a grant through the Troy Foundation of Excellence for set of books related to the Vietnam war – 30 @ \$15 each – may be approaching the PTIA for matching funds in order to get entire set of books for the classroom.
- 3) Presented a letter of exploration in the development of an educational exchange opportunity with India similar to Oaxaca program in partnership with Oakland Community College – looking to pursue a similar partnership with Indian students from the Delhi area in Indian with IA-East location – Informational session – January 26, 2009, 7:00 - 8:00pm at IA Central ISC
- 4) Reminder of Coffee with the Counselor – 1/22 @ 7:35a
- 5) Semester report cards – to be determined if distribution will be through student or mail this week.
- 6) Fall 2009 – 10 spots are open for sophomores, 9th grade starting process of testing and enrollment. Applications are due February, 6th, 2009.
- 7) Band concerts: March 6 – Clawson HS, March 14 – 1:45P @ Troy Athens – Orchestra (this may be the same date as Science Olympiad – Band instructor has been informed – will inform the students of possible date change.
- 8) IA Spirit wear – waiting on prices from Lynne Nagy – PTIA willing to help promote and fulfillment of orders, Audra has samples.
- 9) Parent information night – 10th grade – having Melissa Kinney as a guest speaker in the following agenda items: being ready for 10th grade (math, language, etc), summer prep, transition topics, ACT testing, etc.

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10) Ms. Womack does not currently have an email address. Forward information through Mrs. Mack and it will be forwarded to her.

11) Bettina has the Staff wish list. Some items mentioned previously are: hand tape recorders, white board, additional microwave, etc. Bettina will send the Wish List to Debbie Gamelin to publish.

Vice President (A. Fakhoury) – update on Teacher Appreciation – The Luncheon may be provided by Eastside Mario's (Crooks & 59) - \$100 for the entire meal or we may still go with Franco's Café.

Secretary (Laurie Huber) – no report

Treasurer (Victoria Gojcaj) - PTIA checking account balance \$1,339.52. There were 3 disbursements: Troy Families for SAFE Homes, The Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence, Debbie Gamelin (for Ms Hallmark & Ms. Mack's Gift cards). Account Receivables: \$10.00 (not deposited) from Gordon Foods, \$14.00 (sales of an additional Student directories)

Old Business:

501 (c)(3) Filing- no update – will contact them after February 2nd (60 days since receipt of IRS letter)

IA Spirit Wear –waiting for pricing on the items before offering them for sale

Teacher Appreciation – see above

New Business –

Kroger's – CARE Program - cannot participate until 501 c 3 is completed, could we possibly partner with the IA Central campus? This was discussed and a suggestion to wait until after February 2nd to check IRS 501 3 C status was made. In the meantime, Debbie Gamelin will check with the Central Campus's contact.

IA Website –the Tech team is working on improving IA website –they are looking to have a combined website for IA's on IAToday.org

Ms. Jenny Guo – new Chinese teacher for beginners has started and will assist Mrs. Tang with teaching.

Spring Flowers program – Debbie Gamelin will be setting up fundraiser. The flowers are from Macomb Township's Hessell's Greenhouse.



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Parent Participation – discussion regarding how can we increase parental attendance and involvement?

Some ideas are:

1. Hold an open house
2. Dinner/Dance with the IA Staff & Parents
3. Meet at outside locations
4. Send out a survey to see what the parents would like to garner from the meetings.
5. Make PTIA meetings more accessible.
6. Have morning or lunch meetings as an option.
7. Communicate concisely
8. Hold a raffle at each meeting
9. Add video and tele-conference services
10. Invite Guest Speakers on topics of Parental Interests

Half Days of School: The PTIA will support an activity when the next half day of school is held. IA Central had a movie with pizza & pop brought in recently. Audra is supportive of this activity. Parents who have any ideas of activities that could be held during this time, please provide your suggestions to Debbie Gamelin. These events would allow for the students to spend some time together socially and parents would not have to pick them up early.

Committee Reports:

IA East Newsletter – deadline was today – 1/20/09 – will get out by first of February via email, Next deadline will be March 20

Fundraising: The PTIA realizes the constraints the economy has put on families. There is still a need to raise funds to allow the PTIA to assist in providing IA Staff materials and programs to be used to enhance the student learning process. Some ideas of fundraisers are:

1. Celebrity Server Night: Big Boy, Mongolian Barbeque,
2. Family Dinner Night: at Jimmy's Coney Island, McDonald's, Noodles & Company, Chipotle, Kalamata, Zuzu Café, Red Robin,
3. Any other suggestions?

Correspondence:

Thank you note from Mrs. Meganck

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Ms. Mack: Tiffany & Tom Mack had a baby boy – Jaden Mack on January 1 at 11:29a. Jaden weighed 8lb, 9oz and was 21.5 inches long.

Mr. Watson is expecting 2nd addition to his family.

Ms. Kinney will attend the next PTIA Meeting on Tuesday, February 24th, 2009 to provide an overview of what to expect in the sophomore year.

HELP WANTED:

The PTIA still needs a Fundraiser Project Manager, Spring Flower Sale Project Manager, and an IA East Scrapbook Project Manager. If you weren't sure how you could get involved and volunteer your time, please consider taking on one of these projects. Thank you for considering in advance!

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