



International Academy East PTIA Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

Tuesday, March 17th, 2009; 7:00 PM Media Center East Campus

In Attendance: Debbie Gamelin, Awni Fakhoury, Laurie Huber, Victoria Gojcaj, Ms. Bettina Gamero, Debbie Paquet, Theresa Ivan, Jerry Ivan, Maliha Naveed, Kim Radke, Srilaxmi Seetharamachar, Lalitha Badey, Susie Kim, Subha Mukundan, Ramesh Gummalla, Kim Radke,

I. Call to Order – Debbie Gamelin 7:02pm

II. Approval of previous meeting minutes (Jan & Feb)

Moved for approval - Kim Radke; Seconded by – Awni Fakhoury

Both January and February meeting minutes have been approved. Debbie Gamelin will have them posted to the PTIA East Web page.

III. Reports:

i. President (Debbie Gamelin):

2009-2010 PTIA Board Nominations – Per the By-Laws, the Secretary and Treasurer are 2 year terms. When Victoria Gojcaj volunteered for the Treasurer position, she had made it clear she could only hold the position for the initial year. Therefore the Treasurer position is vacant in addition to President and Vice President. The meeting participants were asked if there were any volunteers that would like to be considered for the open positions. There were no takers. The entire board agreed to continue into next year. All agreed to wait until the April meeting just in case someone else comes forward to volunteer for these positions. One suggestion is to split responsibilities of a position to break up the amount of work. Kim Radke explained they have done this with the Treasurer's position in other PTO/PTA where one individual handles all of the monetary transactions and another handles the disbursements.

Nominations: (current slate of officers)

Debbie Gamelin – President

Awni Fakhoury – Vice President

Laurie Huber – Secretary

Victoria Gojcaj - Treasurer

Motion: (V. Gojcaj) and seconded

That existing slate of officers will be voted on for the upcoming 2009-2010 at the April meeting.

Any individual who wishes to be nominated for any of the positions, please send an e-mail to Laurie Huber. The PTIA East Officers will be voted on at the April PTIA meeting.

Prioritize Staff Wish List

PTIA reviewed the wish list, PTIA members signed up to provide several of the following items:

- i. Whiteboard for math classroom- Ms. Gamero reported the Troy School District may be attending to this for Mr. Watson

- ii. 30 sets of dice & playing cards - Mr. Watson has already received.
- iii. Dissectible cone (\$42.16) – PTIA will purchase this item.
- iv. 4 basketballs – The Seetharamachar family will donate
- v. 4 volleyballs – The Gamelin Family will donate
- vi. 30 tape recorders for language classes (\$9.95)- PTIA will purchase these; Lalitha Badey will check on the cost to order from Office Depot as we receive a discount there.
- vii. 3 electric pencil sharpeners- The Mukundan Family to donate
- viii. 1 electric hole puncher – The Kim- Lee Family will donate
- ix. 30 dry erase markers –The Radke Family will donate
- x. 30 dry erasers (donated)- The Ivan Family will donate
- xi. 30 Spanish/English classroom dictionaries – The Gojcaj Family will donate

Remaining Wish List Items:

- 30 sets of 3 dimensional shapes (\$29.95)
- 30 sets of 3 soft dimensional shapes (\$24.95)
- 30 sets of clear geo-solids (\$16.95)

If anyone is interested in purchasing or contributing to any of the remaining items, please contact one of the PTIA officers. Mr. Watson and will provide the exact reference. Thank you to all who volunteered to purchase many of the items on the Wish List. We put a big dent in what is needed for our students and the staff's classrooms.

Another PTIA possible expense: Mr. Rokicki was not able to provide Ms. Gamero with the results of his Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence Grant request. The meeting participants asked if there's any remaining balance on the books Mr. Rokicki wants to purchase for the class. Ms. Gamero will follow up and send an e-mail with an update from Mr. Rokicki.

3/20/09 Update:

Jimmy's Coney Grill Family Nights- results of the March 5th night –The PTIA earned \$78.00. The next Family Night is **Tuesday, April 21st** anytime between hours of 3:00 – 9:00pm.

3/27/09 ½ day Lunch & a Movie from 12 PM – 3 PM – need 4-6 parent volunteers, if we are able to obtain the maximum number of volunteers, we will also open up the gym in addition to the cafeteria during this time. Movie will be WALL-E, as Slumdog Millionaire is not officially out on video yet. \$5.00 covers the pizza, pop, & snacks. There will be movie type candy available for sale too.

Troy Spring Break Activities – Area businesses discounts are available during Spring Break. There are several activities open during the break that students can participate in. The information was sent out electronically with this meeting's agenda.

State of the School Address and Student Showcase Will be held at IA Central, at 7:00 PM, on Tuesday, March 31st – reminder to attend – discussion on gift to PIE in honor of Mr. Okma. PTIA still has time to determine how we will honor Mr. Okma on his retirement.

ii. Teacher Representative (Ms. Bettina Gamero)

Spiritwear Availability – had leftovers from last year for viewing. Ms. Gamero indicated the current vendor has not followed through and are open to suggestions.

Victoria Gojcaj/Laurie Huber/Srilaxmi Seetharamachar will take on this task obtain items for the students such as shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, lanyards, etc.

MSVOA Orchestra Performances: Ms Gamero presented a letter from the band/orchestra instructor: Katherine Reith – she was very pleased with the band's performance at the recent competition. Need additional information for the newsletter.

3/14/09 Science Olympiad: a few students received awards and recognition. Need the final results to include in the Newsletter.

State of the School Address & Student Showcase @IA Central 7 PM on Tuesday, March 31st, 2009.

Ms. Gamero will be presenting/promoting student Spanish newspapers (six) at this event

Mr. Watson's wife about to deliver – The baby is due date next week.

Immersion trips will be discussed in detail in the language class, survey's will be issued to get from parents, starting with Spain, second with France and lastly, China as it is the more expensive trip. The goal is to give parents a chance to plan and save for these trips. All trips are part of the summer term. The Spanish survey will go out this week.

Mr. Okma's Retirement: The IA Staff is planning their events and has a few ideas on how they may proceed. Once the committee decides, Ms. Gamero will provide the PTIA with the other proposed ideas as the PTIA may want to do one of them.

iii. Vice President (Awni Fakhoury)

IA East Parents & Staff Dinner / Dance – no further updates

iv. Secretary (Laurie Huber) –

No report, thanks for the cards and thoughts for good health

v. Treasurer (Victoria Gojcaj) - \$1335.38 current balance in checking account.

PTIA East Wish List: Theresa Ivan proposed the PTIA make a wish list as well (microwaves, coffee pots, Large 5 gallon water coolers, etc). She comes across various items while on business. If she knew what was needed she could pick them up.

Increase Membership Dues: Victoria also made the suggestion that the PTIA East increase the Membership dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 next school year. Much discussion took place, and no motion was made to change the fee. One point discussed was to keep the fee the same as the other IA PTIA's (West & Central).

vi. Committee Reports

Spring Flower Sale – Debbie Gamelin received the order sheet from Hessell's Greenhouse. Theresa Ivan also volunteered to help with this fundraiser. We will need another 4-6 volunteers the day of the order delivery. Tentative dates are as follows: Orders are due 4/17/09 and the delivery of orders will be on Friday, May 8th. Just in time for Mother's Day!

Campbell's & Tyson's Labels (Kim Radke) – The PTIA has received 15 Tyson labels (need minimum of 100 to submit and 351 Campbell soup labels which earn points for catalog purchases.

International Academy Scrapbook – need PTIA Volunteers- see Debbie Gamelin

vii. IA East Newsletter(Srilaxmi Seetharamachar, Lalitha Badey)

Articles due 3/20/09; Newsletter will be available the week of April 1st

IV. Old Business

Guest Speaker Suggestions – Suggested topics:

1. long term planning as the IA East adds classes for infrastructure adjustments such as parking, traffic, Tim McAvoy –
2. possible speaker on selected topics from the Troy Family for SAFE Homes (T. Ivan), a Red Ribbon representative, etc.
3. Bring in some Senior/Junior students from IA Central to share their experiences
4. Theresa Ivan also mentioned the SAFE Homes will donate a \$100 for our Senior All night party (we realize it is a few years away).

V. New Business

Remaining School Year End Activities not yet discussed:

- i. **Brain Break**—during final exams – week of June 16th –
- ii. **International Fest** – to be determined
- iii. **Teacher Appreciation** – The year end Teacher Appreciation is typically the first week of May.
- iv. **Year End Picnic** - to be determined
- v. Discussion on **Troy School budget cuts** – www.troysupportstaff.com – information available; Mr Steve Rizzi was scheduled to speak tonight at the PTIA meeting, but had to attend the Troy School Board Meeting at the same time as our meeting. Debbie Paquet provided an overview of the current issues with the Troy School District having to balance their budget and the efforts of the Support Staff with involvement and support of the Troy community to help with identifying alternatives to outsourcing the Support Staff.

VI. Announcements/ Correspondence

- i. Remaining PTIA Meetings: April 21st May 19th
- ii. June 16th (Determine whether to cancel this meeting) – Discuss at the April 21st meeting.

VII. Adjourn (8:20p)