

**ISC General Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 22, 2009**

Attendees: By sign in. Available upon request.

A. Welcome to all 2009/10 members by Co-Presidents Beth Johnson and Rachel Somers.

B. Introduction by HSA Presidents and ISC reps for each school included:

Name

School of Position

Grades of Children

Favorite/Memorable teacher when you were going to school

C. **Introduction and General Information: Beth Johnson**

1. Paper distribution of ISC Meeting Schedule

2. General comments of meeting space:

1. General Meetings start at 9:30 at the Academy House.

2. ISC Representatives, any parent/guardian with students in the Lower Merion School District, HSA Presidents (optional) and ISC Executive Board attend General Meetings.

3. Refreshments are provided by each HSA on a rotating basis for 25-30 attendees.

3. HSA President Meetings rotate to the various schools with refreshments provided by the hosting school.

4. Distributed "Interschool Council...at a glance." Available upon request, contact Juli Gruber-May at grubermay@mac.com.

5. General comments on HSA obligation:

1. District Wide Art Show held in January at Main Line Art Center

2. Dues

3. Mini Grants

4. Luncheon

D. **ISC Secretary: Juli Gruber-May**

1. Sign In sheets at each meeting.

2. The goal is to have General Meeting Minutes within 7-10 days of meeting posted on the LMSD website. Minute and/or the link to the minutes will be emailed to all attendees and all ISC Representatives and ISC Board Members.

3. The ISC directory will use email addresses as the primary source of contact.

4. The ISC Directory will reference links to LMSD website for already posted data.

E. **ISC Luncheon: Marilee Wolf**

1. ISC Representatives provide lead role in luncheon with ISC Executive Board and HSA Presidents providing a supporting role.
2. The luncheon is on May 13, 2010 at the Main line Reform Temple.
3. We will again be working with an outside chef to set the luncheon menu.
4. There are approximately 150 attendees with the primary guests being central administration, principals and assistant principals from all of the Lower Merion Schools.
5. Last year's theme was sports. ISC will be selecting a new theme for 2010.
6. ISC Executive Board is looking to identify a person to "shadow" Marilee Wolf to subsequently take the lead for next year. There will also be a small committee (3-4 ISC Representatives) to assist in developing the luncheon.
7. Anyone interested in working on the ISC luncheon should email Marilee Wolf directly at marileewolf@prodigy.net.

F. Mini Grants: Jennifer Bale-Kushner

1. Distributed last year grant recipients list.
2. Briefly reviewed process.
3. January 2010 begins the application process for dollars to be awarded in spring.
4. Link to Mini Grants:

<http://www.lmsd.org/sections/community/default.php?m=8,9&t=pages&p=community interschool mini 2008>

G. Treasurer: Karen Cosentino

1. ISC operating budget is approximately \$3,000
2. Dues assessed to each school.
3. The calculation is .40/student. Number of students at 10th day of school.
4. Request sent to HSA presidents for dues.
5. Treasurer report will be given at future General Meetings.

H. Member at Large: Abby Spector

1. Represents ISC on committees/initiatives when asked by the ISC Presidents.
2. Monitors legislation particularly in collaboration Jerry Novick Board of School Director and chair of the Legislative Committee.
3. This position will also assist in special projects as requested.

OFF BOARD POSITION REPORTS:

I. ISC Art Show: Barb Clark

1. Begins working on Art Show after Thanksgiving.
2. Every school is to have one ISC Art Show representative.
3. The art show representative addresses invitations for their school's selected students and picks up students' art from school and takes it to Main Line Art Center and returns artwork after the show.
4. Dates for the Art Show are January 23-28, 2010.

- J. **School Board Observer/Business Meeting: Sarah Slattery**
Meeting from 9/21.
1. Reported changes in enrollment numbers for elementary, middle school and high school.
 2. Construction update
 3. Keystone Exam—graduation assessment in process/review by Board of Directors.
 4. Link to “View Recent Meetings”
[http://www.lmsd.org/sections/about/default.php?t=board&p=board meetings&menu=board](http://www.lmsd.org/sections/about/default.php?t=board&p=board_meetings&menu=board)
- K. **School Board Observer/Education Meeting: Nancy Pasquier**
Meeting from 9/14 3 topics:
1. 6 goals for 2009 with 14 priorities.
 2. PSSA Performance—percentages going to go
 3. Summer Programs—SPIES (summer math) elementary school, YES for middle school and Summer Math Academy for High School.
 4. Link to “View Recent Meetings”
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- L. **Guidance Committee: Mary Broach**
1. This committee started last year.
 2. It has gathered information of how guidance works in middle school and high school through parent focus groups and interviewing approximately 50 people.
 3. Report by November 2009 to Dr. McGinley.
 4. To participate by sharing comments contact Mary Broach mtb444@aol.com or Abby Spector abbyspector@comcast.net.
 5. This committee will present their report at a future General Meeting.
- M. **Committee for Special Education: Lynne McNulty**
1. Overview of CSE and distribution of a brochure.
 2. CSE has representatives from all schools except Belmont Hills and Cynwyd.
 3. Monthly meetings are held at Bala Cynwyd Middle School in Room 100. See LMSD Calendar for specific CSE monthly meeting dates.
 4. October 12 Meeting topic is “Special Needs Trusts.”
 5. Brown Bag Lunch meetings-- 1st Wed/month.
 6. CSE Website for more information: <http://www.lmcse.org/>
- N. **Office of School and Community Relations: Doug Young**
1. Anna O’Hora in School/Community relations reviews information to be approved for community events and programs. She can be contacted by ohoraa@lmsd.org

2. Go Green! Doug Young stated that a one sheet document will list all flyers that have been approved and that will refer you back to the website to view forms for download. If requested, you can get a hard copy at the main office.

O. Lower Merion Township Scholarship Fund:

1. Flyers were distributed to attendees.
2. Magazine drive and school pictures fund Scholarship. Magazine drive at Bala Cynwyd and Welsh Valley Middle Schools in October.
3. Tribute Cards also fund Scholarship. Three cards for \$30
4. Each school should have a representative for parents to contact.
5. Website: <http://www.lmtsf.org/cgi/v3/>

P. Coalition for Youth of Lower Merion and Narberth: Paula Singer

1. Overview of history of organization was presented.
2. Website: <http://www.coalitionforyouthlmn.org/>
3. **Recent Achievements: per the Coalition website**

- **Youth Advisory Council** of high school students who advocate on behalf of youth with government and business
- **Student Life Survey** of 5,000 middle and high school students to assess their attitudes and behaviors
- **New Website** with comprehensive resources on adolescent issues for parents and professionals
- **"Transitions to High School"** forum to prepare parents for the spike in risky behaviors when teens move from middle school to high school
- **"Make the Call. Take the Call"** campaign to encourage teens to call an adult for a ride home when they find themselves in a potentially dangerous situation.

Q. Education Foundation of Lower Merion: Sherry Wert

1. Brochure distributed and overview of organization.
2. Major purpose of the foundation is to provide grants to teachers and community groups. Minimum grant proposal amount is \$1,000 and funding grants is on a rolling basis.
3. 3rd Annual Gala November 7, 2009 will honor Judy Vitri and Foundation Grant recipients. Gala link: <http://www.educationfoundationoflm.org/events/gala2009.html>
4. There will be a request to all HSA presidents for an ad in November Fundraiser ad book.
5. Other Foundation Activities include: 1st Annual 5K Run and Fun Walk in June 2009; Graduation DVD for Lower Merion and Harriton High Schools; and the Brick Campaign.
6. More information on all of these activities can be found at the website: <http://www.educationfoundationoflm.org/home.html>

Meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 am.

Next ISC General Meeting is on Tuesday October 13, 2009 @ 9:30 am. Dr. McGinley will be giving an overview of vision and goals for this school year.