

ISC Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

Present: Sarah Altman, Co-President
Lou Savastani, Vice President, Communications
Mary Cooke, Treasurer
Laura Banchemo, Mini Grants Chair
Carolyn Harris, Member-at-Large
Mary Donoghue, Member-at-Large
Cheryl Masterman, Member-at-Large
Andrea Fox, Immediate Past Co-President
Karen Dunleavy, Speaker Series Coordinator
Lisa Prosnitz, Student Wellness Coordinator / School Board Candidates Forum Coordinator
Ali Liu-Brown, CARE Liaison

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 3
9:00 AM
District Administrative Offices, room 154

- The minutes from the October executive board meeting were approved unanimously
- We discussed “Project Now” at BC – emotional support for students without IEPs. Possible future “Hot Topic”, including programs at all schools.
- Thanks to Lisa and Shelby for a great job with the candidate’s forum
- We have collected signs from the candidate’s forum and are looking for somewhere to store the metal frames for reuse
- Start Times
 - Proposal discussed at last board meeting
 - Lots of concern about elementary students starting earlier
 - On Dec. 8, 9, and 17, the district will be holding “listening sessions” – soliciting feedback from community stakeholders
 - District is developing FAQ
- Hot Topic
 - The November Hot Topic is on start times, where Scott Eveslage and Kristina Paul will present the current proposal and solicit feedback
- Budget
 - All schools have now paid dues
 - The 2018-19 Mini Grant year has now been closed. Any leftover funds will be rolled into the 2020-21 grant year.

- There have been some incorrect fees charged by the bank, which are being addressed
- Mini-grants
 - Total paid to date for 2019-20 year is \$4055.67
 - The new application process uses Google Forms. Some members of the ISC and some teachers have tested the new form. Feedback has been positive.
 - Forms and guidelines have been updated for the new grant year. These will be forwarded to the ISC exec committee, because we will need to vote on the changes.
 - Laura to attend HSA Presidents Meeting on December 17th
- New at-large member duty
 - At-large members are being asked to attend HSA meetings in the Spring to inform HSA members of what the ISC does
- Lykke follow up
 - World kindness day is Wednesday, November 13
 - Harriton is holding event where students give out a slip of paper to people for being kind
 - If other schools need time or money to implement event, ISC can help
 - Random Act of Kindness day is February 17
 - International Day of Happiness is March 20
 - We are unsure what, if anything, middle schools are doing
 - Happiness is a possible spring speaker idea
- Parent Speaker Series
 - Judith Owens will be speaking about start times (not parent ed series) in January
 - May 6 – nutrition and health at Merion Elementary
 - Still working on topics for BH, PV, Harriton, & CSE
 - Jan 8 – panel discussion(?) college tips, challenges they have overcome, looking for recent alum(s)
- Doaty follow-up
 - Looking at doing something related to 1619 podcast (New York Times) that's currently part of Amanda Groen's 7th grade class at BC
 - Presentation in January
 - Panel discussion with students
 - Still need to formalize details, but likely to happen
- By-laws
 - Will be presented at Dec. meeting
- Hot topics
 - Dec 10 – how to access school resources (has since been changed to “mindfulness” since this meeting)