ISC Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019

Present:
Sarah Altman, Co-President
Lou Savastani, Vice President, Communications
Mary Cooke, Treasurer
Laura Banchero, 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)