

ISC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 9, 2021 – 9-11am

via ZOOM

FINAL

ATTENDEES:

Sindy Agudelo-Nelson, MiniGrants Chair

Laura Banchemo, Co-Vice President, Communications

Randi Berry, Member-At-Large

Shirley Clifford, Treasurer

Marina Gerstmeier, Member-At-Large

Jenia Keating, Co-President

Ali Liu-Brown, Member-At-Large

Caroline Manogue, Immediate Past President

Cheryl Masterman, Co-President

Kami Pulsifer, Parent Education Series Coordinator

Lou Savasani, Member-At-Large

Dani Shaw, Staff Appreciation Luncheon Co-Coordinator

Stephanie Tomei, Art Show Co-Coordinator

Nominating and Voting

Caroline Manogue would normally serve as Immediate Past President. She no longer has children in the Lower Merion School District, however; thus Jenia K. moved to vote her back onto the Executive Committee. Dani S. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Shirley Clifford. is replacing Mary Cooke as ISC's treasurer. She is working with Bryn Mawr Trust to resume fee-free banking and change the signers on our accounts; Caroline Manogue and Mary Cooke will be removed, and she and Cheryl Masterman will be added. The General Fund's balance is \$14,239.31; \$30 went out in July and August 2021 towards bank fees. The MiniGrant account's balance is \$9,089.05; \$2,747.30 went out in reimbursements and bank fees.

Communications Update

Laura B. introduced Michele Vessal as the Co-Vice President of Communications. Michele V. will handle social media and promotional blurbs. Laura B. asked for promotional blurbs to be produced 3-4 weeks before events.

Parent Education Series Updates

Kami P. and Lisa P. attempted to coordinate a slate of presentations with Terry Quinlan over the summer. Kami sent Terry a month-by-month schedule, asking her to recommend speakers and is awaiting her reply.

The current drafted schedule is:

October – Harriton HS, “Mental Health: When to Check in With Your Student”

November – Merion ES, “Executive Functioning” presented with CSE. Potential speaker – Peg Dawson, author of the “Smart but Scattered” series. Cost \$400

December – Lower Merion HS, “What I Wished I Knew in High School” presented by a LMSD alum. This would be presented in the morning for students and in the evening for parents. Alternate topic and venue for this date would be Cynwyd ES, “Habits of the Mind.”

The Parent Speaker Series budget is \$1,000. Shirley C. will see if there are remaining funds from last year. Cheryl moved to approve payment of \$400 for Peg Dawson, and Kami P. and Lou S. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

School Board Debate Update

Kami P. shared notes from Lisa P. The date is likely to be 10/5/21. Cheryl M. moved to approve \$300 for signage, Jenia seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Mini-Grants Update

Sindy A. will email the 2021/22 grant recipients next week to remind them to submit reimbursements and photos. The 2020/21 grant cycle is closed out. Monica Romeo and Marina G. will shadow her in the upcoming year.

ISC Luncheon/Staff Appreciation Update

Dani S. checked with Main Line Reform Temple for availability. They are only available 5/11 & 5/12/22. She will check with LMSD to see if that works. They have our \$225

deposit from 2020. If those dates are unworkable, the Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr may be an alternate venue.

At-Large Members

Cheryl M. asked Lou S. to coordinate a schedule with the other Members At Large to report on School Board Committee meetings. The Members At Large did not visit the HSAs last year due to COVID; this will be revisited this year when HSA meeting protocols are solidified.

Upcoming Hot Topics

Supt. Copeland will present the State of the District on Tuesday 9/14/21 at 9:30am via Zoom. He requested that future Hot Topics be in person, in order to introduce Supt. Mumin to the community. Laura B. will ask Susan Emery if DAO's Room 264 could be used for Hot Topics meetings. Alternatively, we would consider a tented location. The usual venue, the Academy Building, was deemed insufficiently spacious and ventilated for these events. Laura B. will also look into how we can incorporate Zoom into the in-person Hot Topics, in order to accommodate families with conflicting schedules. Executive Committee will continue to meet remotely until further notice.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30am.