

ISC Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2019

Present: Andrea Fox, Co-President
Sarah Altman, Co-President
Lou Savastani, Vice President, Communications
Peg Wahrman, Treasurer
Laura Banchemo, Mini Grants Co-Chair
Carolyn Harris, Member-at-Large
Mary Donoghue, Member-at-Large
Maureen O'Leary, Member-at-Large
Melanie Schafmeister, Immediate Past Co-President
Claudia Baker, OB- Speaker Series Coordinator
Karen Dunleavy, OB - Luncheon Chair
Lisa Prosnitz, OB - Sleep Study Coordinator

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 7
9:00 AM
District Administrative Offices, Room 154

- Budget
 - Overall in good shape
 - No money spent on luncheon yet
 - Expecting our final check from HSAs soon
- Mini-grants
 - \$10,000 was spent on mini-grants in the 2018-19 cycle
 - 5 grants are still outstanding, the remainder have been paid
 - The deadline to get in receipts is June 30
 - If funds are left over (unpaid), they roll over to 2 years out (not the following year)
 - Deadline for 2019-20 grant applications is April 3
 - Currently received 38 applications
- Parent Education
 - The Winterstein discussion on suicide prevention was rescheduled to May 21, after a scheduling conflict with a CSE event
 - We discussed ways to avoid scheduling conflicts next year
 - Some other ideas for next year:
 - Improve the correlation between topic and school (i.e. make the topic pertinent to parents with children at that grade level)
 - More events with breakout sessions

- Spring speaker (Dr. Tara Doaty) is in 3 weeks. We need to advertise heavily. We're hoping to get the district to help with this.
- ISC Luncheon
 - Preparation is going well
 - Theme is "PA proud"
 - Still working on PA-themed menu and whether or not we hire caterer or chef to oversee cooking
 - Need volunteers from each HSA, one for Wednesday, one for Thursday
- Sleep and School Start Times
 - Radnor has put out recommendations to the board, and a vote is imminent
 - LMSD has asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to review
 - The ISC can appoint 3 members of this committee
- Curriculum committee
 - They discussed restorative practices, k-12 grading practices, and the elementary report card will be based on habits of mind (effective problem solving)
 - The results of the challenge success survey were presented
 - Stress is a major issue, and homework is a leading cause of stress
 - Considering carving out more time at school for homework
 - Multitasking is an issue (doing other things while doing work)
 - High percentage are paying for private tutoring and college admissions advisors
 - More students are doing extracurriculars for fun than are for college acceptance / scholarship
 - Most parents want kids to solve their own problems, but 60% will solve problems for them
- Policy committee
 - Plan to review the district's homework policy
- Misc
 - Do bylaws state that CSE falls under ISC? If so, need to update that.