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 Banchero, 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.