

ISC EXECUTIVE MEETING

MINUTES

February 2, 2021 – 9-11am via ZOOM

Attendees:

Sindy Agudelo-Nelson, MiniGrants Chair
Sarah Altman, Immediate Past President
Laura Banchemo, VP of Communications
Randi Berry, Member-At-Large
Jessie Burkhardt, Art Show Co-Coordinator
Shirley Clifford, Member-At-Large
Mary Cooke, Treasurer
Karen Dunleavy, Parent Education Series Coordinator
Jenia Keating, Co-President
Ali Liu-Brown, CARE Liaison
Caroline Manogue, Co-President
Cheryl Masterman, Member-At-Large
Lisa Prosnitz, Wellness Coordinator
Lou Savasani, Member-At-Large
Stephanie Tomei, Art Show Co-Coordinator
Peg Wahrman, Staff Appreciation Luncheon Co-Coordinator

Minute Approval – Laura Banchemo

Karen D. motioned to accept the December 2020 and January 2021 Minutes, and Lou S. seconded. They were approved unanimously.

Budget Review - Mary Cooke

All HSAs have paid for their share of January's transportation appreciation. \$236 went to purchasing an appreciation banner, which will be hung at the three LMSD bus depots. The General Fund is \$18,513.64. For MiniGrants, we paid four checks to LMSD totaling \$1,038; the MiniGrant Fund is \$13, 639.03. Mary C. will email the HSAs for their MiniGrant dues, \$508 per school. She approached the CSE about contributing to the MiniGrant budget, as they have in the past, and they declined. She also approached EFLM about contributing; they had yet to respond.

Art Show Update – Jessie Burkhardt & Stephanie Tomei

Advertising for the first virtual ISC Art Show has gone out; coordinators sent a flyer to Thursday envelopes, newsletters and HSA presidents. To date, we have almost 40

submissions. They have set up a website, online submission platform, and legal permission to share submissions. Stephanie set it up for automatic slide generation. They will take those slides and generate slide shows for individual schools. Time frame will be the same: 3/13-3/31/21. Going live 3/13/21. Submission website will be the Art Show website – links to access will go out to Thursday envelopes and newsletters.



Commemorative Tree Update – Caroline Manogue

A large tree was taken down from in front of the DAO (pictured at left), making our offer of a commemorative tree timely. Jim Lill is eager and helpful in coordinating this; once approved by the school board, it will be planted this spring. Peg W. will explore options for an accompanying plaque.

HSA Presidents Update - Jenia Keating

Meetings have been productive. We wrapped up transportation appreciation: Caroline M. delivered the Wawa gift cards and appreciation notes to the Transportation department; the banner is completed and delivered, and its first posting will be at LMHS's bus depot, to be hung by LMSD staff. Ali L. suggested that we submit a photo of it to newsletters. Cheryl M. suggested having students and families in the photos. Karen noted that we can ask when it's hung. At the January 2021 HSA/ISC meeting, Sindy A. presented the MiniGrant program and Karen D. spoke about the Parent Education Series. The HSA Presidents are actively sharing ideas across grade levels about community building and fundraising. Sarah noted that these fundraisers can go on our ISC FB page and can be advertised on other schools' pages.

Mini Grant Update – Sindy Agudelo-Nelson

We have a few applications already. The MiniGrant page on our website is updated; four 20/21 grants were paid out to LMSD. April's Review Committee meeting details will be set this month.

Update on Parent Education Series – Karen Dunleavy

We are still looking for next year's Parent Ed Series Coordinator. Dr. Stanley needed to move the "Working to Reduce Isolation & Create a Sense of Belonging for LGBTQ+ Students" from 2/23/21 to 3/3/21. Dr. Cindy Boyd will speak on ""Self-Care in the Time of COVID" on 3/23/21. Karen D. is considering family mindfulness for April's topic. She

will meet with Terry Quinlan-Clampfe in May or June to discuss next year's events. Ali L. suggested "transitioning to in-person" as a topic, addressing schedule irregularities for students and the ensuing lack of motivation, time management issues, anxiety, etc. Karen D. will speak to Rich Marta about how the district can address this transitioning issue.

ISC Wellness Coordinator – Lisa Prosnitz

Lisa P. coordinated a meeting between the Radnor students who had led school start time change and six LMSD 8-11th graders. Amy Norr and she reached out to Arnold Field neighbors to ascertain their priorities. Caroline M. noted that LM Township commissioners will meet next week to discuss next steps on Arnold Field lights and asked that we please reach out to our commissioners. She suggested we could mention St. Joseph University's compromise on lights for their Latches Lane baseball field. The Coalition for Youth will meet at the end of February, discussing effects of COVID. Karen D. & Ali L. asked for invitation to it. Lisa P. asked Caroline M. to ask Supt. Copeland where we can access the data from the PA Youth Survey.

At-Large Members:

Lou Savastani, Communications (for Cheryl Masterman) – Lou S. reported that LMSD initiated a COVID dashboard in September. Their Equity infographic's print version finished, and the landing page lmsd.org/equity was created. We are waiting on each school to finalize their individual landing page. An update to community on the new middle school was basically done and will include construction progress, k-4 and 5-8 committee work, the naming/mascots process, etc. LMSD is exploring livestreaming board meetings (post-Covid).

Lou Savastani, Facilities – Lou S. reported that the LMHS athletic field bleachers will be repaired this summer; LMSD is upgrading its emergency response system to correspond to Montgomery County's; and the new middle school's construction is proceeding well.

Shirley Clifford, Policy – Shirley C. reported that this committee discussed Anti-Racism/Equity Prompts with Megan Shafer, Assistant to Superintendent and reviewed remote access issues for both students and the community.

Randi Berry, Curriculum - Randi B. reported that LMSD reviewed the Professional Development contracts addressing virtual learning. Leslie Pratt lead an update on the high school's Voices in African-American Literature Course. Dr. Alexis McGloin presented on Student Achievement.

ISC CARE Representative & LMSD Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Equity & Race – Ali Liu-Brown and Sarah Altman

Ali L. reported that on 1/13/21 LMSD's AdHoc Committee discussed the First Amendment and hate speech, referencing guidance from the National School Board Association on hate speech. Megan Shafer presented more on the Policy Committee's work on viewing policy through an equity lens. Amy Buckman presented more on the District's printed infographic, a one page, two sided hard copy.

Sarah A. reported on CARE's recent work with Dr. Tara Doaty. She noted that it was very personal work for the participating administrators, parents, and teachers, and this work was intended to prepare them to be better equipped to handle issues and address racism. Breakout groups are no longer set by grade level, making it more meaningful. These meetings build on prior meetings and are open to public. They convene on the last Wednesdays of the month, and the Zoom invite is on LMSD calendar.

Sarah A. also reported on the Achievement Imperative Task Force, which is the working arm of CARE and the AdHoc Committee. They are currently working on an equity and inclusion audit. The Task Force decided to use a self-assessment tool and will hire someone to help with the process. They now will meet every two weeks, not monthly. They are looking at how District shares resources with those who need it and are trying to define benchmarks. Their next meeting is tomorrow.

Ali L. is part of the LMHS HUES group. Their newsletters will spotlight a LMHS equity club and its anti-racism efforts; they will also include neighborhood activities and a calendar of events. HUES surveyed LMHS parents, and Caroline will forward the results to this Executive Committee. Ali will reach out to Harriton HSA for inclusion in this group.

CSE Representative – Maureen O'Leary

Maureen O. noted that next month's Hot Topic would address Special Education and Inclusion.

ISC Luncheon/Staff Appreciation Update - Peg Wahrman

Peg W. presented tote bag designs for the Staff Appreciation lunch delivery and asked for a vote on the bags' design. We unanimously voted for the "round logo" option with black handles and a pocket. Peg will mock up the invitation and send out examples; she needs our approval so she can purchase invitations. Invites will include selection options of tahini wrap & hummus wrap or tuna salad & chicken salad wraps, a bottle of water, a cup of fruit salad, cookies and cupcakes, for a total cost of \$3,375. All principals and administration will get invites; the School Board not included this year. Karen D. and Sarah A. will review the invitation list with Peg. The caterer will deliver

everything to DAO, and Peg and a TBD helper will deliver lunches to the administration. HSA Presidents will bring them to their principals. She is planning on delivering them on 5/4/21, to be confirmed with Denise LaPera.

Upcoming Hot Topics

February 9th at 9:30 AM via Zoom – Special Education

March 9th at 9:30 AM via Zoom - New Middle School (parent committees have been formed for naming)

- Curriculum (K-4 and 5-8)
- Logistics (when and which classes start there, name?)

Roundtable/Old/New Business

Caroline M. noted that we received questions for DCLMN's school board candidate debate and forwarded them to the DCLMN. The Lower Merion Republicans did not respond to our inquiries. It was noted that former ISC Co-President Melanie Schafmeister is running.