

**ISC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
October 5, 2021 – 9-10:30am  
via ZOOM**

**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  
Lisa Prosnitz, Parent Education Series Coordinator and School Board Forum Coordinator  
Kami Pulsifer, Parent Education Series Coordinator  
Dani Shaw, Staff Appreciation Luncheon Co-Coordinator  
Stephanie Tomei, Art Show Co-Coordinator  
Michele Vessal, Co-Vice President, Communications

**Previous Minutes Approved** - Laura Banchemo moved to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes as modified. Cheryl Masterman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** - Shirley Clifford presented the budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. She and Dani Shaw noted that the Luncheon's food budget increased to reflect the higher costs of food. She also incorporated the monthly \$15.89 for our Zoom account. Kami Pulsifer asked for an increase towards the Luncheon's food preparation expenses in order to allow ISC Reps to have more time to connect with school administration during the event. Ali Liu-Brown noted that the Equity and Race budget line was empty for 2021/2022; Cheryl Masterman noted that its expenses were folded into the Speaker Series budget and that the ISC was committed to supporting Equity and Race efforts in the district. There was no change to the MiniGrant budget from 2019/2020. In recognizing that HSAs had difficulty fundraising in 2020/2021, Cheryl Masterman proposed a one-time decrease in the HSAs dues to the ISC from .55/student to .35/student, to be incrementally increased in the future back to .55/student. Randi Berry moved to vote to approve the proposed budget, and Shirley Clifford seconded it. The budget was approved unanimously.

**School Board Forum Update** - Lisa Prosnitz reported that the LMSD School Board Forum will run tonight with the Lower Merion and Narberth League of Women Voters and LMHS and HHS debate students. Four Democrats and four Republicans will participate. The ISC created a landing website that garnered 130 community questions, with approximately one-third relating to school start times. Post Mortem meetings will be held within the ISC and with the LWV.

**Parent Education Series Updates** – Lisa Prosnitz and Kami Pulsifer reported that Adil Nure, LMSD Lead Supervisor of Clinical Services & Gifted Education, will work with us while Terri Quinlan focuses on COVID-related issues. HHS will sponsor a mental health event with Dr. Brad Norford in late October. We are pairing with the CSE to present Peg Dawson, author of “Smart but Scattered,” on November 9.

**Arnold Field Update** - Lisa Prosnitz reported that Lower Merion Township Commissioners had initially approved lights on Arnold Field with several restrictions. LMSD opposed some of the restrictions, and Wynnewood Civic Association filed an opposition. The LMT Zoning Board sided with WCA and rescinded the initial approval. The ISC recognized the need for increased work with neighborhood civic associations and will consider working with the HSAs to that end.

**ISC Luncheon/Staff Appreciation Update** - Danielle Shaw asked Denise LaPera to finalize a date, and Ms. LaPera is waiting for Dr. Khalid Mumin, the new superintendent, to start. Suburban Square could give us free outdoor space, but we cannot book more than three months in advance. Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr offered dates when their facility was available. Going forward Dani S. will solicit volunteers and start to organize. ISC Reps, as Jenia noted, will help organize and set up. Dani will get in front of HSA presidents in November to encourage their participation.

**Mini-Grants Update** – Sindy Agudelo-Nelson will ask grantees for their reimbursement forms and will update the HSA presidents during their October meeting. She, Monica Romeo and Marina Gerstmeier are drafting a followup survey for grantees which will be presented to the ISC in November.

**Submitted School Board Committee Report Questions** - There were no questions for the At-Large Members regarding school board committee reports.

**Upcoming Hot Topics** Jenia Keating reported that the next Hot Topic would be with Dr. Alexis McGloin and Sarah Stout regarding the New Middle School Schedule on Tuesday 10/12/21 (9:30-11am). Laura Banchemo noted that we have a room reserved in the DAO building for in person Hot Topics, but it was agreed to hold off on in-person events until the majority of elementary school students were vaccinated for COVID-19. For the next three months, the ISC will conduct its business virtually and will revisit the issue in January.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be moved from the first to the second Tuesday of November, due to Election Day on 11/2/21.

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