

ISC Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2018

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 13 (note: not 1st Tuesday, due to holiday)
9:00 AM
District Administrative Offices, Room 154

1. ISC Luncheon

- Venue: Main Line Reform Temple
- We have a date set – Thursday May 2, 11am – 3pm
- The day before (Wed. May 1) will be for prep
- At the October Presidents Meeting, we should ask for volunteers for the committee
- The theme will be “regional food”
- Please be on the lookout for admins retiring or deserving of special recognition

2. Mini-grants

- The mini-grant process is currently under review
- ISC bylaws may need to be changed in order to reflect the current/updated process.
- The mini-grant process is mostly online. Working with Dan Capkin to eliminate copying and pasting.
- We need to start recruiting for mini-grant chair(s) for next year.

3. Parent Survey

- The parent survey is currently on-line <https://www.lmsd.org/departments/program-evaluation/challenge-success>
- We are suggesting that the HSAs make computers available (if possible) at their next meeting, allowing parents/guardians to take the survey

- Getting high participation in this survey is important because it demonstrates parental involvement. If we want the board to listen to parents, we have to respond when they ask for feedback.

4. School Board: Curriculum Committee Update

- Discussing some changes to the math curriculum. Notably, moving from algebra, geometry, trig, etc to a more integrated math approach.
- Adding Spanish and French 6
- Adding baking and confection-making class
- Adding global citizenship class
- Working on dual enrollment with University of the Sciences. Pending approval.

5. School Board: Communications Committee Update

- Proceeding with Raiser's Edge, trying to make it work for what we need. But no commitment has been made for next year.
- Review of Safe Arrival system
- Discussion of publishing student-taken photos. This requires review, because some students haven't given permission to have their likeness published.

6. School Board: Policy Committee Update

- Changing absences policy – doctor's note will be needed for 5 consecutive absences (currently 3)
- New whistleblower policy

7. School Start Time

- Discussed asking LMSD to put together a task force (all stakeholders: educators, parents, experts, sports and clubs, community, etc) to analyze and make recommendation
- Andrea and Sarah will discuss this with Superintendent Copeland (note: this discussion has already taken place, and the status was emailed to the board)

8. Hot Topics

- Next up is the results of the student survey (Oct 9)
- We still need topics for November and December. Some ideas were discussed:
 - cultural proficiency, bias, and privilege
 - extracurricular activities: how much is too much?
 - drug policy

9. Other

Oct 31 is a half day, but that was incorrect on the district holiday calendar (the PDF ones: <https://www.lmsd.org/uploaded/documents/About/Calendars/1819/1819overview.pdf> and https://www.lmsd.org/uploaded/documents/About/Calendars/1819/1819overview_accessible.pdf). (note: this appears to have been fixed)