

Ithaca High PTSA Meeting for October 7th, 2014
Meeting minutes by Tonya Engst, PTSA Secretary

GENERAL MEETING

The first part of the meeting included several dozen people in the K-building auditorium as Steve Jones from the guidance office gave a helpful presentation about the process of applying to college. He distributed a handout (a scan is included at the end of this PDF) focusing on to-do items for each year of high school, and he answered many questions. After reading this handout, if you have any questions, do get in touch with the guidance department.

The second part of the meeting took place in the same location, but with fewer attendees:

Amita Verma, Deb Jordan, Esther Racoosin, Barbara Bergman (IHS Family Liaison), Pat Fox, Tina Hallock, Anne Horst, Tonya Engst, Shivaun Archer, Lori Sonion (sp?)

TREASURER'S REPORT (Shivaun Archer)

Shivaun walked us through the proposed budget, which is attached at the end of the PDF version of these minutes. Shivaun explained that she has devised it by looking at previous spending and income from the past 2 school years.

Part of the budget is estimating our income, so we talk about our membership goal for this year. The membership goal for this year is 300 members (last year we had 309 members).

To make everything work for our budget, we will need to hold one fundraiser. Esther Racoosin has suggested a coffee fundraiser, which could serve this purpose.

We decide that if we end up with income in excess of our estimate, then we'd like to move that income to the budget "line" for the Family Liaison Program.

A vote in favor of the budget is passed unanimously (plus Wendy Bakal had voted for it in absentia). We do have a sufficient number of members voting, so the budget is officially passed.

FUNDRAISING (Esther Racoosin)

We will be selling six blends of coffee. We will earn about \$5 per bag in profit. Esther will make up a flyer. [Before the completion of these minutes, the fundraiser has been completed.]

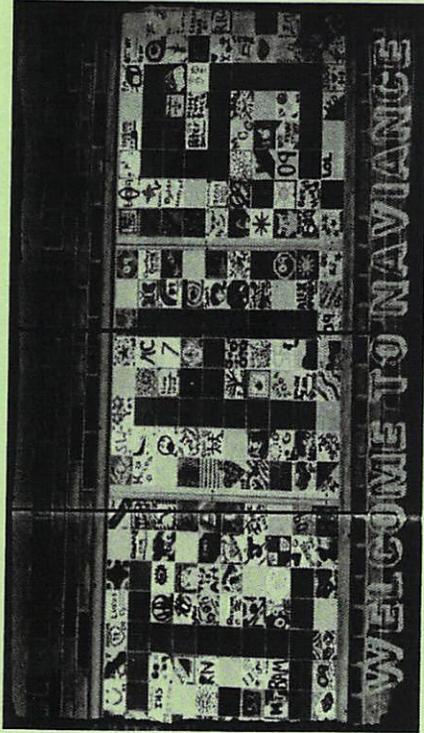
MEMBERSHIP (Tina Hallock)

We are still a little short on how many members we'd like to have, with 232 members so far the school year. We are hoping to pick some up at the Open House

PTA COUNCIL LIAISON (Pat Fox)

On Tuesday they'll be announcing the interim principal. Pat says that our superintendent, Dr. Brown, thinks we can expect this sort of principal turnover rate, with a principal staying in the job for only a few years, to continue.

COLLEGE & CAREER TIMELINE



Naviance is a comprehensive website that you can use to help in making

decisions about colleges and careers:

Get involved in the planning process

Research colleges

Take a career interest survey

Create and update a resume for work or college

Request transcripts for colleges

Summer and volunteer opportunities

connection.naviance.com/ithaca

See or email your counselor to receive your code/username.

9th & 10th grade:

- ✳ Explore career options by taking interest and skills assessments through Naviance—connection.naviance.com/ithaca (Personality Type and Career Interest)
- ✳ Talk with your school counselor about career options and the education required for those careers.
- ✳ Talk with your parents about saving and paying for college.
- ✳ Participate in extracurricular activities and community service/volunteer opportunities.
- ✳ Review your high school plan with your school counselor. Take the most difficult classes you can handle. Stay focused on your schoolwork.

- ✳ Students in Honors Biology should have a conversation with their Biology teacher about taking the SAT Biology Subject Test. Many highly competitive colleges require at least 2 SAT Subject Tests. You can sign up to take a Subject Test at collegeboard.org.

- ✳ Sign up for classes that will earn college credit during your junior year, such as

- ✳ Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes through TC3.

- ✳ Athletes interested in playing Division 1 or Division 2 athletics in college should meet with the NCAA coordinator and coaches to ensure that they will meet NCAA eligibility requirements. Information is available at eligibilitycenter.org

- ✳ Explore internships and apprenticeships.

- ✳ Enroll in a summer enrichment program. A list can be found on Naviance — connection.naviance.com/ithaca

11th grade:

- ✳ Attend “Getting In Night”, a college admissions information session, held for juniors and families in the spring.

- ✳ Attend college fairs or information sessions. Go to the NACAC College Fair website: nacacnet.org/COLLEGE-FAIRS/Pages/default.aspx

- ✳ Meet with college representatives who visit Ithaca High School. See Naviance for dates and times.

- ✳ Take the PSAT in October to prepare for the SAT in the spring, and to identify areas where you need improvement. This is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

- ✳ Explore SAT and ACT review programs. See the College and Career Center for information regarding local review programs. Invest in review materials and go to collegeboard.org for free assistance. Also, go to actstudent.org for review materials for the ACT.

- ✳ Continue to explore possible career options and the education required, particularly through Naviance.

- ✳ Explore colleges through Naviance and request information from colleges that interest you.

- ✳ Arrange visits to colleges that interest you through their Admissions Office. Visits can be arranged either online or by phone, depending on the school. Make sure to check their “Open House” dates.

- ✳ Participate in extracurricular activities and community service/volunteer opportunities.
- ✳ Sign up for classes that will earn college credit during your senior year, such as Advanced Placement and Dual Credit through TC3.

- ✳ Register to take the ACT and/or the SAT in the spring. This is done online at actstudent.org for the ACT and collegeboard.org for the SAT.

- ✳ Register to take SAT Subject tests if you intend to apply to colleges that require them. You can register at collegeboard.org.

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PROPOSED IHS PTA BUDGET 2014 - 15

BEGINNING BALANCE 9/06/2014	\$ 2,881.84
ITHACA HIGH SCHOOL PTSA	
7/1/2014-6/30/2015 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	BUDGET
	2014-2015
INCOME	
Directory/Guide Advertising	\$ 1,500.00
Donations - Morning Munch	\$ -
Donations - Staff Appreciation Luncheon	\$ 500.00
Other Income (gift basket collection, school supplies, retirement gifts)	\$ 100.00
Membership Donations	\$ 1,500.00
Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00
School Pictures Rebate	\$ 1,200.00
IPEI spelling Bee sponsorship	\$ 375.00
Other Fundraiser (Coffee fundraiser)	\$ 530.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,705.00
EXPENSES	
Administration(checks/webhosting, etc.)	\$ 200.00
Insurance	\$ 235.00
National/State PTA Council Dues	\$ 1,200.00
PTA Leadership training	\$ 2,000.00
Teacher support Mini-Grants	\$ 720.00
Awards Day	\$ 280.00
Family Liaison Program	\$ 200.00
I.H.S. Programs	\$ 250.00
Link Crew Program	\$ 120.00
Open House	\$ 475.00
Newsletter printing, misc.	\$ 375.00
Guide/Directory Printing	\$ 2,000.00
IPEI Spelling Bee Fee	\$ 650.00
Staff Appreciation Luncheon	\$ -
Staff refreshments(MorningMunch)	\$ -
Discretionary Fund	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,705.00
Proposed Budget net change	\$ -
Projected ending balance 2015	\$ 2,881.84