

ITHACA HIGH SCHOOL PTA

PTA Meeting, September 14, 2017

Minutes by PTA secretary Shivaun Archer.

The IHS PTA met in the Activities Room at 7pm with 42 people in attendance. The meeting was led by PTA Co-President, Kate Supron.

INTRODUCTIONS

The IHS PTA officers, committee chairs, and volunteers were announced. Those at the meeting were acknowledged. The full list of PTA contacts can be found in the 2017-18 Guide and Staff Directory.

TREASURERS REPORT

PTA Treasurer, Neil Saccamano, distributed copies of the 2017-2018 proposed budget comparing the proposed expenses and income to last years' budget. Kate Supron described the programs that the PTA supports. A motion was made to approve the 2017-18 budget, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROJECTS

Open House was announced and is scheduled for Oct 19 at 6.30pm

Career Explorations – The Principal announced he would like parents to share a variety of career experiences. He would like to encourage non-college careers as well. A committee of parents will be set to brainstorm with the principal on how it should be run. Volunteers sought. Please contact Principal Trumble or Kate Supron (katesupron@gmail.com)

Next General PTA Meeting is scheduled for Nov, 8th at 7pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication – The use of the PTA listserve was discussed, the PTA will use the listserve and will start using the NYS e-mail Portal. How to subscribe or unsubscribe to the listserve was discussed, instructions are on the PTA website.

Membership – At the time of the meeting the PTA has 140 members with a goal of 300. The membership chair has a list of volunteers obtained from the PTA membership sign-up which can be used to find people for different PTA activities needing volunteers.

Programs – Upcoming programs include College Exploration. Ideas are welcome for programs, contact Beth Breuhaus (breuhausarchitect@yahoo.com.)

OTHER

Food Volunteer – PTA efforts to get healthy snacks to students was discussed. PTA volunteers pick up free food from Wegmans, this is given to the curricular labs. The coordinator for this program will be away in the winter months and it was announced the PTA is looking for a volunteer to take over during this time. If you would like to help pick up food from Wegman's please contact Monica Touesnard (mtouesnard@yahoo.com).

Transportation Liaison – Barb Bergman the Family Liaison announced she was looking for parents to

help get rides for activities and to organize carpooling (bbergman@icsd.k12.ny.us).

IPEI – The Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) program was presented. It promotes activities in STEM and Fine arts. IPEI has a grant program that supports district teachers who would like to offer innovative programs to students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June, 8th 2017

PTA co-president, Kate Supron, distributed copies of the June 8, 2017 minutes and moved to approve them. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The approved minutes will be posted on the PTA website.

VOTING IN OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS

A motion to approve the election of co-presidents Kate Supron and Monica Touesnard was made by Brenda Prince, it was seconded by Jennifer Biloski and passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

IHS Principal, Jason Trumble introduced himself and briefly described his 25 years of service in the Ithaca School District. He described his goals to work with all IHS families and to support students and families and have an open line of communication. This year he would like to develop and promote a new career exploration program which would provide students information about careers that would allow them to directly enter the workforce after graduating from IHS. Additionally he has a goal this year for everyone to become familiar with Naviance, the college application support service. He answered questions from the audience, ranging from how well the flipped classroom is working, consequence of broken chrome books, and deadline for military consent.