

ITHACA HIGH SCHOOL PTA

PTA Meeting, November 08, 2017

Minutes by PTA secretary Shivaun Archer.

The IHS PTA met in the Activities Room at 7pm with 12 people in attendance. The meeting was led by PTA Co-President, Monica Touesnard.

Career Explorations Program

The Principal Jason Trumble led a discussion on ways the PTA can help start and promote a Careers Exploration Program. The format would be flexible and informal and could take place in the cafeteria during Periods 3-7 when students have lunch. Possible participants were discussed and ways to recruit speakers. Suggestions include:

- Use IHS Alumni Facebook page to find past students to talk about their careers
- Presenters can give their talk in format of "A Day in the Life"
- Try to recruit presenters who offer apprenticeships
- Ithaca Police Force

The PTA proposed to set up a volunteer committee where the committee will discuss the format of the presentations, provide an outline to the presenters and what is expected. This will include the time frame, time commitment, and the general talking points.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Trumble spoke about the school's effort to promote and acknowledge the practice of the schools 4 Core values: C – Compassion; I – Integrity; O – Ownership; T – Tenacity. Every Monday morning student's give examples of how the values are practiced and they are encouraged to keep practicing the core values in their life.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September, 14th 2017

Copies of the Sept, 14 2017 minutes were distributed. Kate Supron motioned to approve them, Erin Oates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The approved minutes will be posted on the PTA website.

It was discussed if it was possible to post the minutes in draft form after meetings since formal approval in the next meeting may takes months. There may be time sensitive topics that would benefit from being posted after discussion at the PTA meeting. The question will be posed to Brenda Prince – President of the PTA council to learn the official rules of minute posting.

TREASURERS REPORT

The PTA Treasurer, Neil Saccamano, distributed copies of the 11/08/17 Treasurers Report. It detailed new income from memberships, donations, and Ad revenue. Expenditures to date have been admin costs for website and mailing, PTA dues, and payments to the Family Liason, Student Activities, and Morning Munch Programs.

Recent Scam Attempt: There was e-mail scam attempt where someone posing as the IHS PTA President tried to get the PTA Treasurer to wire money. This scam did not succeed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mini-Grants – The mini-grants application is open with the deadline Monday 11/13/17. To date there was 1 application.

Membership – At the time of the meeting the PTA has 351 members, our original goal was 300. There are more student members (55), 10 staff and 15 members paid on-line. There was a

discussion of sending thank you notes to members who made donations.

Upcoming Events – Beth Brehaus (VP of Programs) stated she is open to suggestions for upcoming events. One suggestion was to have a meeting on the Career Opportunities Program and have students attend.

Volunteer Opportunities

Juri Hwang and Megan Pugh can no longer serve as the Guide Coordinators next year. Volunteers are solicited to take over their roles – Guide Data and Guide Layout.

Jamie Servos is looking for people to run a Fall Garden. There is presently a Spring Garden. More information can be obtained from Barb (bbergman@icsd.k12.ny.us).

OTHER

Monica Touesnard sent a list of transportation volunteers to Barb Bergman the Family Liaison. In the last meeting Barb announced she was looking for parents to help get rides for activities and to organize carpooling (bbergman@icsd.k12.ny.us).

Math Teachers no longer offer voluntary math help sessions during school time. A question was posed if the school can provide other extra Math help. Barbara Bergman said she will check into this matter.

Next General PTA Meeting is scheduled for March, 6th at 7pm.