

Washtenaw International High School PTO

Meeting Minutes 08 April, 2013

Attendees: (M – Indicates Voting Member)

Martha Crisler (M)

Kelley Bezrutch (M)

Barb Askew (M)

Karyn Goven (M)

Stacey Spencer (M)

Kim Vnuk-Kronick (M)

Bert Okma

Seth Hawkins

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March 2013 Meeting Minutes

- March meeting minutes approved as published.

Guest Speaker –Seth Hawkins, WIHI Counselor and Bert Okma, Principal were guests tonight.

- Mr. Hawkins is at WIHI 3 partial days per week. Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Much of his time is used to meet with students who are receiving D's or E's and need help to get on track.
- Colleges are being contacted to introduce WIHI. College Reps are beginning to visit WIHI and are available to meet with students. Students can sign up in the office for appointments. One of the product teams will be creating overview sheets for schools visiting in the fall. There are also several universities visiting area venues which WIHI students can attend.
- In addition to Mr. Hawkins, a contracted college counselor will be utilized to help students identify and apply to colleges. They will review applications and written recommendations as a part of the college application process.
- WIHI is waiting to hear on IB certification. There are no concerns regarding certification, but final approval is now due.
- The CEEB code will be posted on the WIHI website. The code is 233823.
- ACT Plan test for 10th graders is tomorrow, 4/9/2013. ACT and MME will be taken in March of junior year. PSAT is used for national merit scholarship, and will need to be taken at another location.
- ACT/SAT preparation will be offered (with a fee) at WIHI.
- Student GPAs are not currently posted on Power School. Current GPA (current semester), Cumulative GPA will be posted. All IB level courses will receive a one point adjustment up.
- There will be writing assignments in English classes to help prepare for college essays.
- Ypsilanti community school board has established the Washtenaw International Middle Academy. It will be housed in one WIHI wing and include 5th – 8th graders beginning with the 2013/2014 school year. There will be 50-60 students per grade.

- Facility improvement plans for upcoming months (in order or priority):
 - Chemistry lab 700 wing is top priority. To be complete August 8.
 - Biology lab is second priority. This is expected to be done during the school year.
 - Retrofit of physics laboratory.
 - Expansion of cafeteria.
 - Parking lot expansions.
- Biology / Chemistry replacement is in place as Alyson Thompson is out on maternity leave with a new baby girl.
- Summer school offerings have been established.
- Entering 9th grade applicants are in testing now. There are 150 new 9th grade applicants and 10 each 10th and 11th grade applicants and more applications continue to come in.
- Some new job postings are going up for 2013/2014 school year. All current teachers are continuing on.

Old Business

- Treasurer's Report – Karyn Goven
 - Treasurer's report was submitted.
- Scrip Program Update – Kelley Bezrutch – first / trial order was placed without issue and \$50 was raised. PTO would like to move forward with this program.
- WIHI Beautification day is coordinated with Ypsi pride day which is on May 18 this year.
- Bylaws Update – The bylaws team distributed a draft for review at the March meeting. They will be discussed at the May meeting.
- Kim Vnuk-Kronick applied for a Home Depot grant but was denied.

New Business

- Spring Flower Sale – Flower delivery will be Friday, May 10. Order forms will be available in the front office and on the website.

Next PTO Meeting is May 13, 2013 at 7:00-8:30