

Washtenaw International High School PTO

Meeting Minutes 11 March, 2013

Attendees: (M – Indicates Voting Member)

Martha Crisler (M)

Kelley Bezrutch (M)

Barb Askew (M)

Christina Howell (M)

Su-Fen Lin (M)

Nadia Husin

Karyn Goven (M)

Julie Bernas (M)

Kim Vnuk-Kronick (M)

Teresa Talley (M)

January 2013 Meeting Minutes

- January meeting minutes require an amendment. The PTO signup for PayPal is not associated with the SCRIP program. The signup for PayPal is intended as a means to make donating to the PTO easier for families and is independent of SCRIP.
- January meeting minutes approved as amended.
- In future, meeting minutes will be sent to the board for approval before posting to website. Julie Bernas will then notify attendees that they are posted.

Guest Speaker –Seth Hawkins, WIHI Counselor – was unable to attend.

Old Business

- Treasurer's Report – Karyn Goven
 - Film II Enrichment funds Update – PTO provided \$84.79 for purchase of hard drive. The group may still require funding for lanterns.
 - Treasurer's report was submitted. Motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved.
- WIHI directory Update – Karyn Goven is working to get the yearbook photo disk to add student photos.
- Bylaws Update – The bylaws team distributed a draft for review. All participants are requested to review the document. Discussion will be held during April meeting.
- International Dinner sponsored by Muslim Student Association and Student Council was held – March 8 and was huge success. \$700 was raised for their activities.
- A student council Valentine's Day Dance was held in February and was a large success. Student Council is hoping to plan another dance in spring using the courtyard.
- A Parent-to-Parent/Student-to-Student meeting was held for new families coming into WIHI. A full hour of questions was conducted. There are 150 students currently signed up to enter the freshman class next fall and there is a wait list for open seats.
- IB Info night was conducted March 7 for students entering 11th grade. Class signup sheets were distributed and teachers provided overviews of their subject matter for the IB program.

New Business

- Scrip Program – Kim Vnuk-Kronick – an announcement was made at the music concert and IB night to promote Scrip.
 - Each family wishing to participate must sign up directly with shopwithscrip.com. It is not a highly intuitive process and WIHI PTO must do a set up to enable linking them to WIHI. A tutorial to help families sign up was discussed. Some of the vendors have rechargeable cards which are easier to re-load. There is a risk associated with the presto-pay option (similar to pay pal) that if someone has insufficient funds to cover their charge, the PTO will be charged a \$30 NSF fee and the cost of the charge. Payment can also be made via cash or check to PTO.
 - It is suggested that there be a promotion for SCRIP signup. One suggested prize is passport points.
 - Target for first orders is March 21. The existing orders will be processed as a trial.
 - It was recommended that more communications be made to families regarding a fundraising goal and regular status updates.
- Kroger rewards need to be renewed in April. Families must go back onto Kroger.com and re-designate WIHI for rewards. A reminder is to be sent to families.
- WIHI Beautification day typically is coordinated with Ypsi pride day which is on May 18 this year. However this is the same day as the Build-On 5K fund raiser. The idea to have the beautification day on the same day as the 5K will be investigated and discussed again at the April meeting.
- Kim Vnuk-Kronick is pursuing a grant from Home Depot to fund beautification.

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