

Washtenaw International High School PTO

Meeting Minutes 08 October, 2012

Attendees: (M – Indicates Voting Member)

Kelley Bezrutch – President - M

Christina Howell – Vice President

Eric Wynn

Asma Jilan – M

Christina Howell

Valerie Lowery

Mary Ellen Paulson – M

Barb Askew – M

Kim Vnuk – M

Julie Bernas - M

Martha Crisler – Recrd Secretary - M

Karyn Goven – Treasurer - M

Teresa Talley – M

Seemi Fatima – M

Rabeea Kahan – M

Syed Ashraf – M

Sue Maguire – M

Su-Fen Lin - M

Fatima Burgeid - M

Stacey Spencer - M

September 2012 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve meeting minutes. Meeting minutes from September were approved.

Meeting minutes will be distributed to attendees of this meeting.

Old Business

- Treasurer’s Report – Karyn Goven
 - Report was submitted. Balance on Hand \$810.77
 - Motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer’s report. Treasurer’s report was approved.
- On-Going Fundraisers – Kelley Bezrutch
 - PTO participants are requested to join as voting members by paying \$15.00 membership fee. Funds are used to support project teams and other student and teacher projects. Several attendees submitted membership forms and paid membership fee during meeting – Thank You !
 - PTO participants are requested to sign up for local merchant rewards programs (Kroger, Busch’s, Target and Meijer). Money automatically is sent to WIHI PTO when you shop.
 - Karyn Goven brought in a few ideas. Buffalo Wild Wings supports fundraisers for schools. A date must be selected and coupons distributed. Anyone who uses the coupon to eat on the selected date a portion of their bill comes to WIHI. A Scholastic book fair could be set up with a project team supporting.
- Trash cans and mirrors have been provided for the school from WISD funds.
- Fall Flower Fundraiser raised \$113.50. A better means of communication will be established for the holiday greens fundraiser.

- Marketing Plan / Parent Ambassadors – Kim Vnuck-Kronick and Su-Fen Lin
 - Team is seeking parents who would be ambassadors to communicate with their neighborhood schools regarding the merits and realities of WIHI.
 - Team is considering hosting coffees at our homes and meeting with middle school PTO's to speak about WIHI and the IB.
 - Recruitment packets will be made available to those on the team.

New Business

- Staff dinners during conferences are scheduled. Julie Bernas, communications, will set up a sign-up genius website to fill slots. Planning on serving 20 people. PTO participants are encouraged to sign up. Vegetarian options are needed.
 - Wednesday, Oct 24 dinner 5:00-5:45 – Taco Bar / Mexican
 - Thursday, Oct 25 snack 3:00-3:30 – Nuts / Fruit
 - Thursday, Oct 25 dinner 6:00-7:00 – Soup and Salad
- Bert Okma will attend the December PTO meeting.

Guest Teacher Eric Wynn – What to expect with the IB curriculum.

- There will be a number of opportunities for parents to learn about the IB curriculum in the coming year.
- The IB Diploma Programme was used in Mr. Wynn's previous school to significantly improve the college readiness of students. He has had experience bringing the IB program to success.
- Students are already being integrated into the IB curriculum. Curriculum is common across entire IB organization.
- WIHI school year is 240 hours. Higher level and standard level are differentiated by testing. Group 3 Individuals and societies will be 20th century history with a world focus.
- Extended Essay will be 4000 words (20-24 pages) and will be fully supported. Students are paired with a mentor – typically a faculty member. This weighs heavily on college applications. IB school also supplies predicted grades to universities (predicted grades are audited by IB)
- Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) – Students must complete these requirements outside of the classroom. Enrichment activities will count toward these requirements. For action school sports and fitness classes and clubs count. Service activities can be done through any organization. A combined total of 72 hours for the three areas must be accumulated each year (junior and senior year). An on-line log will be maintained and reflections will be required.
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK) is a yearlong course which is spread between junior and senior year. Explores the nature of knowledge across disciplines.
- IB assessment is rigorous, criterion related, consistent and differentiating of student ability. Written assessments are not graded by their teachers, they are graded by the IB assessors who are teachers with at least 20 years' experience with the IB. Oral assessments are recorded and samples are sent to IB for feedback.
- CAS, TOK and Extended Essay are required for graduation.

- Language classes will likely be offered only at Higher Level, and three additional classes can still be taken at the higher level. This is due to the high quality of the existing language classes and WIHI's extended school year.
- Three math classes are offered. SL or HL must be selected before their junior year. A summer course to jump from Math 3 to Math HL before the student's junior year is being considered.
- Exams occur in May of senior year. Two or three exams are offered per subject.
- Further information regarding the IB curriculum can be found at www.IBO.org
- The PTO thanks Mr. Wynn for his time this evening and for helping to create an exceptional school.

Next PTO Meeting is November 12, 7:00-8:30