

# ISPTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 10th, 2018

IS Library

**Call to order:** 6:43 pm

**Attendance:** See sign in sheet. Quorum Present.

Meeting was announced to membership in ISPTSA Electronic Newsletter – Monday Messenger - for two weeks prior to meeting date.

**Welcome to General Membership** by Ching Gao.

## **Guest Speaker: College Bootcamp – Sally Fouche / Jill Follett**

- Topline: the team is looking for PTSA to help with Bootcamp – funding needed. There is already a 14% increase to cost to students this year, but that doesn't quite cover costs. They are looking for \$1500 to cover scholarships and specialists. This would come out of 2019 – 2020 budget
- During the August before senior year all Seniors are invited to the bootcamp to get them started early on their college applications and plans. This all works towards creating options for college decision day on May 1. It enables kids to do a lot of the application themselves, and learn about financial aid. Starts with looking at the application process, then bulk of time spent on essay writing and then building college list.
- This is a well-honed program that has been developed over many years and is always being refined
- Discussed how College Bootcamp is not well known about until you have a senior: suggested promoting earlier as something Seniors should expect to do, and should be mentioned in all HS meetings
- Sally is leaving the IS community this year, so Arty will be working on Bootcamp this summer

**Review & Approval of Minutes:** Review and approve the Minutes from ISPTSA General Membership Meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Minutes accepted as submitted.

## **President's Message:**

The messages covered were:

- Current board and community
  - Thanks to current board
  - 417 members of PTSA this year
  - Launching Senior Student Scholarship on May 1. Working on application and criteria – one \$1000 or two \$500
  - Campus improvement day coming up – May 4
- Nominating and participation

- Looking for nominations for next year's board. A nominating committee has been formed (Ching, Zena and Azfar). Let us know if you want to be on committee or board
- Spring Social and supporting IS
  - Very successful – great team worked on it
  - Fundraising this year has raised \$80,900
  - Budget approved was \$120k - \$10k short. Please investigate your corporate matching opportunities and make any last minute donations
  - Corporate donations will help close gap – still expecting to not have to dip into slush fund

**Principal Talk:**

- Thanks to ISPTSA for all the help and support – big and small
- Administrator professional week next week

Topics covered:

- IS Improvement Plan – available on BSD website
  - Uses district document so a lot of content is common to every school
  - Looking at results, in middle school there are still a number of kids that need to get to standard – work to do here
  - In high school we are still seeing 100% graduation rate, and high performance in SAT / ACT
  - Achievement and Growth chart (academic data) – produced by district and breaks down into subgroups (base is average over previous years) and shows goals. Concern re sub groups that fall below – eg Hispanic (in ELA and math) in low 50s versus average (mid to high 80s) plus low income and students with disabilities. Same subgroups show lower results in these groups in rest of state – not specific to IS. IS also interested in emotional support etc.
  - Concern was raised on different academic goals for different groups – even though Hispanic results are very low (in 50s) we should surely have goal as being the same as the other groups – around 90%?
  - PTSA offered to help by funding tutors to help those that need more academic support – but it can be hard to find good tutors to fill this type of role
  - IS sets goals for student body as a whole, not by sub groups – focus this year on Math
  - Please contact Tara if have any other questions or thoughts on the Improvement Plan
  - Question on whether we work on aligning PTSA grants with Improvement Plan / school goals next year? Agreed this would be a good thing to do
  - Tara said that she is involved with working on a new template for next year
  - It was asked if the school would share the Panorama results – it was agreed that we should put this on agenda for next general meeting
  - Interest in seeing what school is doing re family engagement. Planning on relationship building between teachers and students
  - Positive attendance seems to suggest kids are excited to come to our school every day

**Counsellor's Talk: SBIRT – Arty Christiano**

- SBIRT Pilot (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment) kicks off during last week of April

- BSD will pick either SOS or SBIRT after pilots. 7<sup>th</sup> grade will do self assessment week of April 29 in science
- Other schools in district are piloting Signs of Suicide (SOS), but SBIRT covers depression, anxiety, substance abuse, suicidal thoughts etc. Working with Youth Eastside Services
  - Screen – check yourself
  - Intervention – series of short meetings with students
  - Referral – connect to resources
- Research shows that 25% IS Grade 12 students have seriously contemplated suicide
- Research shows that 38% Grade 12 have vaped
- Opt in – permission slip coming out. 7<sup>th</sup> grade only. Can other grade students opt in? Asked whether we should screen all of our students and offer interventions (not just 7<sup>th</sup> grade pilot) - not school wide as we don't have enough resources to manage
- Arty pointed out that the Social Emotional Lessons that result from this work will cover 100% of our students so all will benefit
- Asked what is plan to understand why families don't opt in? It can be that the families don't understand what is happening, or mental health is a taboo subject. Suggested Arty ask for 100% participation.
- It was also asked what the district is doing today about the 25% IS 12th graders? Arty talked about the mental health content and discussions taking place in health classes

#### **Student's Voice: Makerspace Senior project – Maxton Zhang**

- Maxton thanks the PTSA for the grant money he received
- Maxton built a Makerspace in the library for IS – also VR room – with following resources available:
  - Cricut – cutting out stencils
  - Smartphone gimbal – stabilizes video
  - Arduino – circuit board
  - 3D pens
  - 3D printer – made more accessible
  - Poster printer – very popular
- Makerspace fills a hole at IS as no elective choices – students get to pursue tech skills outside classroom, interdisciplinary learning and recreational activities
- Maxton believes Makerspaces will take larger role in schools in future: BSD has been slow to adopt at both the school and student level
- Maxton's Goals were:
  - Deeply integrate into schools' identity
  - Develop lessons and teaching for classrooms
  - Make easily accessible to students and staff
  - Promote as a recreational space for students
- 2019-2020 and beyond
  - Maxton off to College in the Fall
  - Tech team will take over management
  - Tara Jones returning from maternity leave
  - Website will be expanded and there will be more events

- Makerspace expensive to run. Need to start tracking who is using it

**Tracy Sullivan – Dejeuner en Blanc**

- Last year was our first: collected feedback from students, which was very positive, and students are running it themselves this year.
- Will be looking for families to support through providing student lunches, clothing etc.
- Donations of white tablecloths / sheets etc. specifically plastic backed. June 13

**Arty**

- On June 12 (Board Day for Seniors), Arty will be taking MS students on field trip (college and career focused). There will be six destinations to choose from eg MSFT, UW, Digipen.
- Will communicate in Monday Messenger
- Will need a lot of chaperones

**Q&A / Other Business:**

- It was discussed at the last meeting whether we want to do a parent / teacher social and whether to add to MM in future. We should circle back on this

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Zena Heywood - ISPTSA Secretary