

IS PTSA Membership Meeting, October 28, 2020
Online, 7:00 PM

Call to order 7:05

Minutes approved 2/25/2021

This meeting was posted in the Monday Messenger two weeks and one week prior.

Attendance – Azfar Moazzam, Russell White, Wang, Ann Ross-Clarke, Emilie Castle, Melissa Richardson, Bev Ni, Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen, Hao Sun, Wesley Hung, Hank Wang, F Shen, Wendy Wilson, Serge Pruteanu, Julie Molinari, Dori Kellera, Wendy Wilson, Emilia Brenner, Jill Follett, Meghan Bechth, Carmen Brenner, Anne Zhang, Maria Alcalá, plus at least 10 others with out full names included on their Zoom. (Ann Ross-Clarke has screen shots).

A recording of this meeting is posted on the IS PTSA website.

Welcome from Azfar Moazzam, acting PTSA President

- Acknowledgement of challenging year at an exceptional school
- Call for volunteers to fill open Board positions. Please email the PTSA if interested.
- Introduction of the current board members
- IS PTSA mission and main services the PTSA provides and / or funds: curriculum enrichment, community building, student activities & support, communication

Principal Update from Russell White

- Will be having monthly Principal Coffees to informally share ideas and communicate – next Thursday will be the first
- 590 students enrolled at International this year. Usually the school has 600 but more Juniors enrolled in Running Start this year than usual
- Students who chose Hybrid will be split into two groups. 116 students chose hybrid only. Aligned IS high school schedule with other BSD high schools to share resources especially for virtual only students.
- Prioritized courses unique to IS and retaining IS staff. Teachers really stepped up in the best interest of the students even if it made it more challenging for the teacher.
- Professional development prior to school opening to build off what was learned last Spring
- September and October measured quantity of students logging in. Now will focus on quality of the login experience.
- ASB & Executive Team working hard – 463 unique attendants at the Back to School Assembly
- Preparing transition to hybrid while keeping present remote learning going
- Future opportunities – intentionally returning to traditions we miss and imagining what we could change or add, what elements of remote learning could enhance in-person learning

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- Shout out to staff – They have worked really hard and really miss connecting with the students in person.

June 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes *Motion to approve as presented by Dori Kelleran, 2nd by Emilie Castle, Approved (vote in meeting chat)*

2020-2021 Standing Rules No changes (last updated June 2020) – *Motion to approve as presented by Dori Kelleran, 2nd Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen, Approved (vote in meeting chat)*

Announcement - PTSA insurance is current and will be paid prior to the renewal date of December 1, 2020.

Budget

- 2020-2021 Budget presented (posted on IS PTSA website, also)
- Treasurer Tony Wang explained spending is reduced due to the pandemic restricting activities and affecting numbers of people able to donate.
- *Motion to approve the 2020-2021 IS PTSA Budget made by Emilie Castle, 2nd Dori Kelleran, Approved (vote in meeting chat)*
- BSD will fund software “Go Form” for teachers, so its expense does not need to be added to the PTSA Budget.

IS PTSA Survey - 93% of the 37 people who responded are members or are planning to join the PTSA.

Membership Update – Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen

- Currently, about 250 members; last year at this time, there were 456 members.
- Need one another even more this year, so all should join to support our students.

Fundraising Update – Emilie Castle

- Budgeted lower than usual because of pandemic and already have exceeded the October 31st goal, but please still donate and remember matching gifts!
- Hilton is reserved for a Spring in-person fundraiser, but it is not looking like that will be possible. Please email emiliecastle@gmail.com if you have ideas for alternative fundraisers.

Community – Melissa Richardson

- Virtual meet-ups are scheduled to start. BSD will permit outdoor events so we are considering those.
- Please contact Melissa if you have ideas!
- SAT/ACT practice dates are scheduled.
- Middle School event – “How to advocate for yourself” – November 10th

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- IS Spiritwear – Maybe your student will run into someone at the store or while outside for exercise and connect if they see one another's IS gear.
- Parents virtual "Night Out," November 18th
- Facebook pages – IS Community, IS PTSA, and some classes have their own

Bellevue Schools Foundation – Carmen Brenner

- \$1.9 million fundraising goal to fill the gaps for BSD this school year
- Focusing on supporting secondary school counseling as anxiety and depression are especially a problem during the pandemic, emergency services for children and youth impacted by C19, and the arts.
- Click-a-thon season

Closing

- Please step up to serve on the IS PTSA Board or Committees. Email board@isptsa.org
- First Thursday of the month virtual Principal Coffees which will alternate between morning and evening. Next one is November 5th at 9 AM.

Adjournment 8:05

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Ross-Clarke, Secretary