

IB Meeting Minutes – February 17th, 2021

Board Members In Attendance:

Dr. Amy Earl

Caitlin Mauer

Dr. James Minior

Lisa Russo

Elizabeth Spingler

Karry DiTimasso

Lynne Stretimatter

Julie Stewart

Jim Minor - Principals report for Erin Del Castillo

- We have had two national merit scholarships – seniors
- The boys and girls club youth of the year is an IB student, George Hernanadez. Congratulations to George.
- The Department of health messaging is changing effective today. We will no longer be receiving the phone calls notifying us of every new Covid case, instead going forward we will just receive email updates.
- There's a new on-line store where you students can purchase Riverview gear.
- The Freshman class has an on-line auction fundraiser that closes on Friday.
- We are in the process of having conversations, this Friday with district officials about how to handle prom, graduation and grad bash. We have plans for possibly doing separate graduations as well as trying to book the Orioles stadium to be able to have on graduation for all students.

Jim Minor report

- IB Testing Cycle - For the May 21st testing cycle, we are submitting all of our information to IB, and we have decided on taking the non-testing route. Much like last year, student's scores will be based on their IA's and historical data. Our historical data is very strong and this should be helpful. There's no distinguishing on your transcript whether your school is a testing school or non-testing school.
- Pam Donohue, Sarah Hu and Paul Gallager are working with our junior E2 kids. Jim has a call with donors on Friday to develop a mini consultation board from our donors to push that project forward.
- We have created special weekend seminars for about 20 students that need some additional help with their essays. Many kids are having some mental health issues and we are working hard to help these kids complete what they need to do as seniors to graduate. This is happening across the state and other kids in other areas are having the same issues.
- IB Applications – we are up to 380 IB applications to date. The applications keep coming in a few a day, and then we'll get a big push in May and June from families moving to Florida from out of state.
- Senior Banquet – we are still trying to figure that out. The numbers are 331. We will need to watch

the number. We are thinking of alternatives if necessary.

Dr. Amy Earl

- CP Applications – we have taken 40 more students into the CP program and now the application process is closed.
- We pulled the CP students attending in person school on Friday and had them working on their schedules. Our historical data will not negatively impact our students.
- We are encouraging all in person senior students to return to in person school after spring break.

Dr. Minor and Dr. Amy Earl

- Curriculum after spring break - Several teachers are building curriculum for the time they would have previously been teaching for the IB exams. Teachers will continue to teach focused content.

IB Meeting Minutes for January - Lisa Russo

- The meeting minutes for January have been approved.

Treasurer's report – Lynne Stretimatter

Sun Trust Balance \$9,654.93

Foundation Balance \$36,033.40

(Only expenses this month were Grub Hub gift card for Trudy and the bill for Constant Contact)

Financial Issue to be Resolved – Dr. Minor

- When the IBPO needed to set up a square account, we used Dr. Minor's social security number, and now Dr. Minor has been 1099'd for \$30,000. Dr. Minor will have his taxes done professionally, and we have moved to cover his expense for this.

Web-site and square - Adrienne Asbury

- We are re-doing the our accounts, and our web-site is still up and running so you can see what is available. However, we have to create a new one because the web-site portion is tied to the square account.

SAC Meeting Update – Lisa Russo

- The next SAC meeting is this coming Monday and updates will follow.

Senior Banquet Update – Lisa Russo

- We are still meeting as a committee.
- There are some sponsorships still coming in.
- If you are interested in sponsoring, please do sponsor. If you would like to be reimbursed if the banquet does not happen, we can make sure that happens.
- Things are continuing to move forward for now.

SAT-ACT Review class – Lisa Russo

- The January and February is still taking place.
- The March and April will be coming up.

- The class has been going very well and the instructor is great.
- Lisa can answer questions separately as a follow up to the meeting and/or connect you to the instructor.

Sophomore Committee - Karry

- We are having the sophomore grand and go lunch event this Friday.
- The lunch will consist of Chick Filet sandwiches, apples, oranges, cookies and water.
- We have had a great response as far as donations.
- Let's try and spread the word that kids don't need to bring their own lunch on Friday.

Staff Appreciation - Julie Stewart

- We did a note of love and thanks for the staff in February and decorated their lounge with a Valentine theme.
- In January we did a wonderful pasta luncheon and the teachers really enjoyed it.

Success Center Scholarship Info - Rebecca Lewis

- Scholarships are available every year for even if your child is a junior, they can look and see what is available and begin to plan ahead.
- Lisa Russo will send out the list of scholarships in the upcoming newsletter.

- Spring college visits will begin again in March and they will still be virtual. Please have your child review the upcoming schools in Naviance.
- Thank you to the senior parents for helping your students complete their bright futures applications. The students should be checking their status throughout the year because Bright Futures does their final evaluation over until summer. Students need to make sure their account is accurate and finalized.
- It's also important for seniors to be sure they complete the FAFSA application as well.

Thank you for joining us for the meeting! See you next month!