



Riverview High School International Baccalaureate Parent Organization IBPO General Meeting November 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:44 am

ESTABLISH A QUORUM/ROLL CALL

Present: Melissa Watrobsky, Dr. Minor, Erin Haughey, Cathy Leetzow, Kami Yaegers, Wendy Gengler, Qiang Fitzgerald, Alice Moe, Deb Goldberg. Via Conference: Suzanne Shkorupa and Jamie Black

WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

President, Melissa Watrobsky, called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER:

Approval via email for Board Members – Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S Report: Jamie Black

Income from November totals \$2300. There was a \$50.00 IBPO Membership, \$1196.00 in gear sales and a Banquet Sponsorship of \$2500. Current balance \$48,553.70. Upcoming expenses of a gear order to replenish stock for \$893.00

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE: Erin Haughey

Benchmark II testing currently going on tracking through FAST. PSAT scores will be in this week and can be found on the portal. Thanksgiving break is next week and December 20th & 21st will be half days with the 21st the last day prior to Christmas break. Lady Ram will be held on 11/30 and Mr. Riverview on 12/6 in the RPAC. IB Information Night will be on 11/29, information was sent out to all schools. IB Application process will continue to be held as in the past. Renaissance Feast will be held at St. Johns from 12/7 – 12/9 featuring Riverview Choir.

IB COORDINATOR'S UPDATE: Dr. Minor

IB Pinning Ceremony was a great success. At the beginning of December seniors will be told about the nuances between upcoming exams, dates of the exams, rules and regulations as well as exam failing conditions. All exams will be held prior to graduation. IB Banquet will be held on May 16th, the last day of exams will be on May 17th and graduation on May 18th. Eleventh Graders will be shown a movie called 500 Words or Less which covers the admission process by following 4 students in different parts of the country through their junior and senior year of high school along with the admission process. Tenth Graders will be talking about DP and CP considerations. Ninth Graders will hear about the different opportunities and programs available, like the Star Program, and different ways to get involved. In December each year, IB brings in a consultant by the name of Dr. Adkins to work with the English

teachers. The workshop lasts 4-5 days and Dr. Minor has asked the board to approve a budget of \$500.00 to cover hotel and meal expenses. Motion made by Cathy Leetzow to approve the budget of \$500.00, seconded by Kami Yaegers. Motion passed unanimously. Florida State is offering scholarships to students holding an IB Certificate. IB releases grades around July 6th or 7th.

IBCP COORDINATOR'S UPDATE: Jessica Bies

Receiving questions about the difference between DP & CP. CP does not receive the diploma but gets a certificate that is based on their chosen pathway. They do have to take an additional English class. The number of CP students has doubled since last year and they have capped it 75 incoming juniors. Applications will close on January 29th. Requirement for CP is holding a 2.75 unweighted gpa and passion for their pathway. Acceptance is not based on gpa alone. Students are wrapping up their required reflection project getting ready to submit them. CP Students do not have to take 2 years of a foreign language and apply in 10th grade. She will be talking to tenth grade students at the December Community Day meeting. You can find a 14-minute video on CP recorded last year at rhsactivities.com/IBCP which lists pathways, courses, requirements, and answers questions you may have.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Melissa Watrobsky

EE's are due shortly, continuing the ongoing discussions about senior gifts being a neoprene sleeve for laptops, possibly doing for 2 years for better pricing. Discussion ensued. President will obtain pricing for December meeting. At the October meeting Principal Haughey was asked if the school would assist with the expense of Dr. Minor's video shoot. You can also find more information on IB at ibo.org. Principle Haughey committed to paying half of the \$3200. IB Information night will be on November 29th for incoming students from 6 pm – 8pm. Sophomore Celebrations will be chaired by Kami Yaegers and Alice Moe. Dates will be January 11th and February 14th. The topic of continuing with Tervis tumblers and whether to continue with them or replace them, tabled to the December meeting. We have hit a dead end for the Instagram Page and will contact John about creating a new account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Coffee Cart: Suzanne Shkorupa

Special event for Friday has been cancelled, but we will be holding a supply cart with chai cider and doughnuts in December.

Parent Social: Chang Fitzgerald

Plans are in the works to hold a tasting at the Kombucha store in Gulf Gate - date tbd. The committee is also looking at doing a repeat social at the Sea Grape. Dr. Minor will be consulted on dates going forward.

Spin Night: To be held on January 31st from 5 pm to 7 pm. Discussion ensued whether to have food trucks at the event and possibly make it into a fund raiser.

Teacher Appreciation: Suzanne Shkorupa asked if there could be a discount card for special/sporting events for students. Principle Haughey will ask Rod Dragash if he would bring back the VIP card.

Deb Goldberg inquired about having a special IB Spirit Day. Principle Haughey will check with Chad Smith to see if the topic of the winter day pride week has been chosen.

Membership: Kami Yaegers

Currently have 291 members which sets a record for membership. Please remember this is an annual membership and must be renewed yearly. Need to send out a reminder each year to renew and possibly put on website and Facebook page.

Website: Alice Moe

Looking for new items/photos to post on website and Facebook page. Will post information for IB applications which starts on January 12th at 4:00 pm. Melissa will contact Prestige Photography for the link for photos from the IB Pinning Ceremony.

College Visits: Deb Goldberg & Cathy Leetzow

Visits wrapping up this week. Thank you goes out to Christiana Berzins for donating the personalized insulated cups for the college reps.

Senior Banquet Committee – Melissa Watrobsky

Meeting tonight. Save the date will go out next week and invitations around spring break. A new sponsorship level has been added called Caring. This level will allow sponsorship of a family of four. Melanie Lipton will be maintaining the emails and Cathy Leetzow the slide show. Parents are requested to send 3 photos of their student (baby, sports, or interest and senior or dress photo). The email for DP students is rhsibdpbanquetphotos@gmail.com and for CP students rhsibcpbanquetphotos@gmail.com. Both will be posted on both the website and Facebook pages. Please send photos in as a jpeg.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 12, 2023

ADJOURNMENT – 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Leetzow, Secretary