

ICE Exec Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 1, 2018

Room 518

6:30 - 8:00pm

Attendance:

A. Meeting Opener

- Welcome (*Dianne*)
- Review Sept 2018 Minutes for Approval (*Astrid*)
- Introductions

B. Upcoming Events

- Oct 1, Oct 22, Nov 19: ICE OPEN Houses
- Oct 8 No School (*Columbus Day*)
- OCT 10 FIRST SPRING FLING MEETING
- OCT 13 FUNraiser @ Pete's Candy Store
- OCT 17 Next PTA General Meeting (*hosted by 12th Grade*)
- OCT 19 GRADES 6-11 PICTURE DAY
- Oct 22 ICE Open House
- Nov 1 6th Grade Overnight Trip

B. Treasurer's Report

- **2018-2019 Budget Review** (*Kirsti*)
 - Pete and Mark still waiting on adjustments from DOE
 - Projected Family contributions: budgeted at \$140K
 - Expenses (main items): Art and music teachers, admissions coordination, front office help, high school athletics
 - Right now underfunded by about \$7,500, but will know more when Pete and Mark find out what DOE will be giving ICE
 - P&L July 1-Sept: Family contributions up by \$15K!
We are up 58% over last year at this time.
 - Lots of money raised over the summer for the summer camp fund

C. Committee Reports

- **GRADE REP COMMITTEE** (*Imebet*)
 - 6th Grade Picnic (*Aisha*): Went well, volunteer turnout was good, kids had fun!
 - Curriculum Nigh (*Imebet*): Good turnout
 - 7th Grade rep positions have been filled!
- **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** (*Imebet*)
 - **5K Run Walk**
 - Low turnout for participants; those who attended had a great time
 - Record turnout for volunteers — 22 volunteers
 - 6 categories of winners: Middle School (M/F), High School (M/F), Adult (M/F)
 - **Family Contribution**
 - Going well so far
 - Trivia component has had good response (ICE swag given as prizes)

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- **Back to School FUNraiser @ Pete's Candy Store : Oct 13**
 - Tickets \$30, or 2 for \$50
 - Primarily an adult-only event, though children won't be turned away
- **Photo Day / Senior Photos**
 - Friday Oct 19, grades 6–11 students and teachers, 8am–3pm
 - Annette no longer leading the event, but will be doing the day-of organizing
 - Elizabeth Downer has stepped up to take charge of this committee
 - 5 more volunteers needed for the all-day shift (Aiming to get 12 volunteers per shift)
 - Senior photos (cap & gown) and all school-wide retakes in November
- **Spring Fling**
 - Friday May 3, 2019 ... Save the Date!
 - Planning our first Spring Fling meeting in October
 - So far lots of volunteers have stepped up
 - Grade reps and exec board members will be tapped to help procure auction items
 - Next meeting: Oct 10 @6pm 378 Bergen Ave, Brooklyn, NY
(there will be wine & cheese!)
- **Wine Tasting**
 - Friday Dec 7 from 7–10pm @ Rennert's Gallery
- **PTA Directory**
 - Roxanne Sanchez will be working on the directory
 - Should be ready in the next few weeks
- **Special Announcement Coordinator**
 - New position filled by Katherine James (12th and 6th grade parent)
 - Special announcements — messages that can't wait for the Friday newsletter, e.g. thanks to staff/administration; messages from Pete/Mark or faculty
 - Use special announcement email to submit requests to Katherine
- **PTA Meeting Presentation Committee (Lavita Turner)**
 - **Oct PTA meeting:** College financing talk with Cal Charney
 - **Nov PTA meeting:** College advisor Carolyn and Senior internships coordinator, Josh Torpey

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C. Other Business

- **ICE Cellphone Policy** (Susan)
 - **2 studies:**
 - Undergrads at University of Texas
 - Performance of students on a test with cell phones in the room vs cell phones in another room. Students with cell phones out of the room vastly outperformed students with cell phones turned off on their desk.
 - Cellphones don't necessarily make students safer in a crisis situation
 - Could we hold a town hall meeting to discuss possibilities for ways of handling smartphones at school
 - e.g. "Away for the day" (smartphones put away until end of school day)
 - Discussion of issues/concerns:
 - Difficult for parents to reach their child by calling the ICE main office
 - Adding burden to teachers (collecting and distributing phones)
 - This is a Pete/Mark issue — the policy has only been in effect for 2–3 weeks — not enough time as yet to see how well it's working, for students to get used to it. Let's give it additional time before evaluate how well it's working before PTA gets involved
 - Makes intuitive sense that we want our kids to have phones, be reachable. We have options that we can start to do — we can share information, share research, show *Screenagers* again, and allow families to talk to their kids about the information and make decisions that work for their families.

E. Meeting Adjourn