

ICE Exec. Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2019

6:00-7:00pm

Attendance: Dianne Darbouze, Lavita McMath Turner, Catherine Lyons, Amy Gropp Forbes, Brenda Hill, Meibell Contreras, Kirsti Craig, Astrid Lewis Reedy

A. Meeting Opener

- Welcome (Lavita)
- December Minutes for Approval (Astrid)

B. Treasurer's Reports

- **Monthly Budget Update** (Kirsti)
 - Awaiting committee reports to be able to provide a complete update. A report will be circulated by email.

C. Committee Reports

- **ScreenAgers** (Dianne)
 - Some concerns about running this again because we screened it two years ago.
 - Still looking for a moderator.
 - Do we want to consider the possibility of co-sponsoring with other school(s)? Tompkins Square Middle School has expressed interest in teaming up with ICE to screen. Maybe reach out to East Side Middle & High School as well? Catherine can find a contact person at East Side.
- **Wine Tasting** (Dianne)
 - Wine has been delivered—please pick up your orders ASAP.
 - Ask grade reps
 - Brenda Hill never received an email about the wine.
 - Will this event continue as the host family is graduating?
- **Teacher Staff Gift/Holiday Party** (Dianne)
 - \$11,355 was collected; a \$1,500 increase over last year. Awesome!
 - Card writing process was very well organized.
 - There was no clean-up crew. Thank you to Dianne, Lavita, and 2 parents for sticking around to clean up.
 - There was less food donated than last year, and attendance by teachers was also lower. Also competing with the Talent Show for attendance.
 - Suggestion: perhaps we do the gift distribution at Town Meeting? Teachers will definitely be in attendance for that. Open it up to parent attendance.
 - Conclusion: Holiday Party needs to be re-thought out for next year. It is a lot of logistics to organize for low attendance. Need to get some input from Pete as well as this idea was originally his idea.

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- **Spring Fling** (Dianne)
 - Great team in place
 - Need to spread the word
 - Ticket costs \$50 in advance; \$65 at the door
 - Kim Silen created the Save the Date flyer. It will go out every Thurs in January
 - John **** created comic strips to include in Newsletter
 - Elizabeth *** created video explaining ease to parents
 - Co-chairs creating series of e-blasts. First e-blast will go out Weds 1/9.
- **February PTA Meeting** (Kemala)
 - ICEPAC will be meeting with a few faculty members on Thursday 1/10 to come up with ideas for what to discuss at the PTA meeting
 - Some thoughts:
 - Discussion regarding attendance changes
 - Need to ensure that new 6th grade families continue to opt-out of testing; working towards increasing opt-out numbers. Potential topic could be explain to parents how this supports ICE's mission and the broader social justice issues.
 - Explaining what it means to be a consortium school to new families
- **Outreach/Engagement** (a suggested committee—Lavita)
 - Committee needs to be established. As the ICE community changes, we need to rethink to increase parent engagement, attendance at events. Engagement varies so greatly from grade to grade—if we don't maintain a high level of parent engagement then in a few years we're going to have difficulty in future years.
 - Bring back grade-wide meetings on Curriculum Night!
 - Have specific opportunities to meet Pete and Mark
- **January PTA meeting: Day One** (Dianne)
 - **1/17 at 6pm**
 - Day One is an Organization about emotional relationships; student component and parent component in workshop format. Working first with middle school and then with high school students.
 - A rep from Day One will give a presentation followed by Q&A

Communications to go out indicating that this is a program brought in by Pete

C. Meeting Adjourned