

Monthly PTA Meeting

May 8, 2017

of attendees: 10

- Hot Topic: IB Evaluation Report and Action Items (Libby Dominguez)
 - Handouts: Long report and short report.
 - Commendations and recommendations
 - Action items around Four Matters to be Addressed, all under Organization standard:
 - The school must ensure that the governance and leadership structure reflects their responsibilities in supporting the implementation of the IB program.
 - The school must ensure that the Language Policy includes support for mother tongues, support for students who are not proficient in the language of instruction and learning of the host country or regional language and culture.
 - The school must ensure that the Assessment Policy includes a philosophy and position on assessment that supports student learning, aligns with the school mission statement, identifies common assessment practices throughout the primary school, describes the purposes of assessment for all the members of the school community, and identifies common practices in recording and reporting PYP assessment.
 - The school must ensure that the requirements of staff participation in IB-recognized professional development at evaluation have been met (matter not included until 2014).
 - For further information please contact Libby Dominquez.
 - Request for evaluation to be recapped in wider school communications.
- Events and Fundraisers
 - Community Breakfast coming up on Thurs 6/8 from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.
 - Common Roots Café is a fantastic partner.
 - They will take compostable materials from the event.
- School Programs
 - Amity
 - We are still seeking a spring host family is needed (January – May 2018).
 - The intern has dog and specific food allergies.
 - Discussion about reaching out to neighbors for hosting options, e.g. Whittier Alliance, etc.
- 2017-2018 PTA Budget
 - The draft budget up for approval was previously published to <http://whittier.mpls.k12.mn.us/Budget>
 - Discussion around Amity being such a large percentage of budget. Next year let's discuss if Spanish language is the best option for Whittier, vs. another language, or computer coding/tech instruction.
 - Draft budget was approved by membership.
- 2017-2018 Board Election — all approved by membership
 - President, Emily Fitzgerald
 - Vice President, Erin Sjoquist
 - Treasurer, Bill Mague
 - Secretary, Jennifer Abbey
 - Fundraising Chair, Paige Bowen
 - New positions for 2017-2018
 - Membership/Volunteer Coordinator, Natalie Lu
 - Communications Director, Jennifer Planting
 - Event Coordinator, Jacques Capesius
- Thank you to PTA members for your participation and support during the 2016-2017 school year