

**PTA Executive Board Meeting**– attended by Julie Hughes, Nora Shang, Wendy Bakal, Tracy Vosburgh, Sue Merkel, Vicki Brew, Alice Wu, Jarra Jange

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Meeting called to order 7:25 pm

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and approved.

### **TEACHER MINI-GRANTS**

There is a PTA fund of \$2300 for these grants. Half will be used this fall and the other half next year. These grants will be reviewed by the PTA Executive Board members and will be reviewed by Jarrett Powers and Janet Abowd before they are approved. Thank you to Paula Long for doing all the work behind this project. The applications will be emailed to all executive board members for their review.

### **FACEBOOK-IHS PARENT FORUM**

Some parents that did not want to join the High School Parent Forum on Facebook wanted to see if this forum could take place on the IHS ListServe. It was decided to keep the two separate. If parents want to join the parent forum on Facebook they can by signing on to Facebook and setting up an account. It was decided that the PTSA List Serve would remain only for school related information.

There was discussion with Principal, Jarrett Powers and Assistant Principal, Janet Abowd about safety at the school and how they were handling certain incidents. At the beginning of the year there were 140 students added to the school as well as additional square footage and at the same time we have lost safety officers because of the budget cuts. Jarrett Powers is working with developing ties with community members to come into school to help deal with these issues. Currently, community members from The Village and GIAC are helping with this. Additionally it was mentioned that two of the fights this year have been a result of bullying on Facebook/texting/twitter late in the evening and then bringing it to school. It was noted that there have been some incidents of students bringing alcohol to school in their water bottles or beverage containers.

Mr. Powers also discussed the challenges the administration has in monitoring attendance with limited staff this year. There are less safety officers this year to monitor the halls and to make sure that students are not leaving the campus. Additionally there is and will be more square footage to patrol and dealing with a reduced staff in the main office are all challenges they face in monitoring 1400 kids. If parents are interested in changing this, they should attend the weekly Board of Education Meetings and let their voice be heard. All students should know that if they are absent from a class for any reason, they need to submit an excuse for this absence to the main office.

### **ON A POSITIVE NOTE**

Teachers are working together on instruction and Ms. Abowd said that certain strategies are being used to see what works and what doesn't work. She reports that teachers are benefiting greatly from this.

IHS Currently offers credit for internship program (CEIP).

The College Now Program enables students to take courses at the high school and get college credit for this. Currently they are offering English 101, English 102, Spanish and French.

All students participated in the PSAT exam this year

Habitat For Humanity came to the school and built a Shed on site for school use.

IHS Students are working on a plan for the Courtyard area.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.