

ISC EXECUTIVE MEETING
October 8, 2024 – 9-10:30am

Administration Bldg. & Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84225779239?pwd=VHJBa1lHUDl5TEo5TkZ6OG92ZlI5Zz09>

Attendees:

Lisa Prosnitz, Co-President
Kami Pulsifer, Co-President
Allison Crawford, MiniGrants Co-Chair (zoom)
Shirley Clifford, MiniGrants Co-Chair (zoom)
Cari Bryce, MiniGrants Co-Chair (zoom)
Michele Vessal, Member-At-Large
Ken Krivitzky, Member-At-Large
Lindsay Bognanno, Treasurer
Robin Guari, Parent Education Series Co-Chair
Cicely Reece, Parent Education Series Co-Chair
Katie Grinnell, Communications Co-Chair
Amy Badler, Communications Co-Chair
Talia Nissim, Member-At-Large
Cara Herrmann, CSE Chair
Lindsay Wichman, V.P. of CSE
Becca Block, Wellness Chair

Commented [1]: Was Lindsay on zoom?

1. 9:00-9:10 Welcome/Meeting Minutes
Lisa Prosnitz and Kami Pulsifer
Meeting Minutes from 9 17 2024 approved
2. 9:10-9:15 Budget Review/10 Day Letter - Lindsay Bognanno
Lindsay was not here to give an update
Lisa let us know that the letter to the HSA was going out in the next few days asking for due in the amount of \$0.55 per student plus \$1000 for mini grants
3. 9:15-9:25 ISC Roundtable, October 22, Scott Weinsten
Lisa Prosnitz and Kami Pulsifer
 - i. Future Ideas:
 1. Student Services
 2. Scholarship Fund
 3. Nutrition
 4. PSSA/Keystone

In the past ISC advocated for our students. Example given was encouragement to write to lawmakers regarding the PSSA/Keystone tests. ISC should think about if there is anything that the ISC should lend its voice to.

 5. Community Service elementary-hs

This was also a roundtable topic from the past that might be revisited. Previously Lucy Belle's Rainbow, Jewish Relief Services, and Starlight presented

6. Teaching writing

Possibly having the Primary or Secondary Humanities Director speak regarding how writing is taught to the students and an update on that curriculum and how it extends from k-4, 5-8 and 9-12 and beyond.

4. 9:25 - 9:35 Mini Grants 2023-24 Review/ Fall 2024

Allison Crawford, Shirley Clifford, Cari Bryce

i. Any follow up questions for Megan on spring '24 grants?

Allison, Shirley and Cari met last week.

Grant applications will be open 10/15 - 11/15

Looking to schedule a review meeting the first week of December

Need to look at Superintendent's to nail down a date that is available to 2-3 hours

Also need to ask the Superintendent for 3 people to sit on the review committee (1 person from student services, 1 person from technology, and 1 person that is responsible for curriculum or materials oversight). Typically there is also a principal representative. That person was identified by the lowest amount of grant submissions from that particular school - in this case it was Mike Johnson from LMHS.

Additional questions for the President's meeting with the Superintendent- (1) Were all requests for K fulfilled (manipulatives/STEM) that were promised/deferred until fall?

Anything that K could use that could be one grant submission? Also need to f/u with Spring recipients to make sure they got what was promised.

Teacher from Black Rock requests an additional \$115/\$116 for robotics as what was requested previously is now unavailable. Must scrap the whole project without these additional funds. Going to check in with BRMS HSA Presidents could make up the difference in cost.

5. 9:35-9:45 Parent/Guardian Education Series - Robin Gauri and Cicely Reece

a. 10/9 Youth and Sentencing Reentry Project

Tomorrow at 7pm - zoom in if you can, link is on flyer

b. Financial Literacy

University of Pennsylvania Financial Literacy- 3-4 speakers on helping teens/preteens learn financial literacy. Will be held on 11/6.

c. Rest of year's schedule

December - hoping for Carol from the Alcohol and Drug treatment center to present new county and district level data. Will discuss local trends.

Still figuring out the rest of the year's schedule.

Discussed reaching out to Ethan Mollick from UPenn (BCMS father) to discuss AI

General comment that we should mention when we plan NOT to record meetings

Also encouraged ISC exec board to promote education series on their own facebook accounts if they felt comfortable to do so, but also on any school HSA facebook account they are a member of.

6. 9:45-9:55 New ISC Initiatives

a. Author Event

i. Have three interested authors

All authors are members of our community and have expertise in particular areas that pertain to parenting/child development. A way to leverage the expertise of the LMMSD community and build community.

Questions that came up: Would need to decide format, Does this fit with ISC mission?
Location suggestions- School, Local Bookstore, Public Library, Talia's clinic? Timing- before 12/2 or push back to spring?

- ii. Anyone interested in being involved? - good way to bring community together

Lisa, Alison and Becca to discussion questions raised by ISC exce committee

- iii. Would need funding for venue/snacks?

- b. Bus Driver Appreciation - April 24, 2025

Ask HSA's to do something? Locate Banner thanking bus drivers that was created and sent to bus depot (was supposed to move from school to school)

- c. LM Historical Society

Previously 4th graders would go on a bus tour of Lower Merion Township with a historical society member to discuss local history. Lisa thought of having a traveling exhibit that could visit schools. Talia willing to help out with this project.

7. 9:55-10:00 School Board Committee Calendar: At-Large Members

No meetings have occurred since our last meeting on 9 17 2024

- a. Policy: October 11, 9am and November 1, 9am
- b. Curriculum: October 14, 7pm
- c. Facilities and Finance: October 17, 12pm
- d. Regular Business: October 21, 7pm
- e. Equity & Anti-Racism: NONE - CARE is October 23, 4pm
- f. Legislative:
- g. Communications:

8. 10:00-10:15 ISC History

Discussed above under New ISC initiatives

9. 10:15-10:20 CSE Update - Cara Herrmann

-Cara introduced Lindsay Wichman - V.P. of CSE, noted Robin is Treasurer of CSE
-Guidebook - new draft has been sent to CSE, looking to get that finalized and completed
-Also working on an audit of Accessibility of Physical spaces both inside and out
CSE shared an event accessibility guide/worksheet that HSA's and event planners can use to ensure that their events are accessible for all. This guide was sent to CSE reps. They present this information to the HSA Presidents and Principals. It was then recommended that they meet with the high school student council groups and their faculty representatives to share this information with them as well.
-Upcoming policy discussions this year include the use of legal restraints (how does LM train staff, # of trained staff at each school?, how is it reported to the state and families?
-Lindsey requested help in identifying individuals to serve as CSE reps at the following schools: Welsh Valley (need 2), Harriton (need 1), BCMS (need 1), Merion (need 1), Belmont Hills (need 1). CSE rep must have student with an IEP, GIEP, or 504 preferably at that school.

10. 10:20-10:30 Miscellaneous

- a. Wellness Committee (still waiting to hear from Megan)

No update

- b. AITF and CARE Committees (waiting to hear)

No update

- c. Superintendent search survey and focus groups - thoughts?

No update

12. Interesting Articles
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckg9k5dv1zdo>

