

ISC EXECUTIVE MEETING

November 12, 2024 – 9-10:30am

Administration Bldg. & Zoom

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Attendees:

Lisa Prosnitz, Co-President
Kami Pulsifer, Co-President
Allison Crawford, MiniGrants Co-Chair
Shirley Clifford, MiniGrants Co-Chair (zoom)
Cari Bryce, MiniGrants Co-Chair (zoom)
Ken Krivitzky, Member-At-Large
Lindsay Bognanno, Treasurer
Robin Guari, Parent Education Series Co-Chair
Cicely Reece, Parent Education Series Co-Chair (zoom)
Katie Grinnell, Communications Co-Chair
Talia Nissim, Member-At-Large
Cara Herrmann, CSE Chair
Becca Block, Wellness Chair
Anne Frank, Penn Valley ISC Rep
Wendy Lias

1. 9:00-9:10 Welcome/Meeting Minutes
 Lisa Prosnitz and Kami Pulsifer
 Minutes approved from ISC Exc Meeting 10/8/2024
2. 9:10-9:15 Budget Review/10 Day Letter - Lindsay Bognanno
 A letter is about to go out to all the HSA's in the district regarding dues they owe to ISC. A question came up asking if the ISC has ever considered reducing the dues for the schools that have a considerable amount of students that receive reduced lunch? Everyone agreed that this was a valid point and we should reevaluate this in the spring. Every school pays .55 per student. A couple schools are feeling the financial crush due to not having after school clubs such as Right at School like other schools in our district do. They feel they have limited ability to raise the funds and have an unfair advantage. The majority of parents at these 2 schools have two working parents that don't have time to volunteer and may not have the funds to give to their school unlike other families in our district that attend different schools. Kami is going to reach out to these HSA presidents to reassure them that the ISC hears them and understands their concerns. These concerns will be addressed in the Spring for the next academic school year.

3. 9:15-9:25 ISC Roundtable, October 22, Scott Weinsten
Lisa Prosnitz and Kami Pulsifer

- i. Future Ideas:
 - 1. Jason Lilly, November
 - 2. Drew G, December
 - 3. Jen Goldberg?

Jason Lilly is scheduled for next week, Nov 19th. There are a lot of questions and concerns for those students who are in grade level math not getting the same opportunities as those that are in integrated/advanced math. If a student is at grade level math then there is no opportunity for them to take calculus senior year which is a requirement by many of the top universities, giving them a disadvantage. Do parents know this? Are they informed of this in middle school before it's too late? What do the classes look like if you are in basic math vs honors/AP math. If a student is in basic math, is this the track they stay on through high school and does this impact their other class selection? It would be helpful to have printouts to hand out to attendees to help them have a visual and understand the content better. Kami and Lisa will send Jason Lilly all statistical and data questions in advance so he can have that information with him and be prepared to answer the questions.

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?
 - 1. Deferrals?

Allison reported that Deadline for grant applications for this academic is this Friday, Nov 15th. Grant applications are only received in the fall. No longer received in the spring. They currently have 8 new ones all from different schools. They have over a dozen deferred from last spring. The majority of those are regarding the full kindergarten classes and needing more supplies, etc. They were primarily deferred because the district assured us that they had supplies coming and were all getting what they needed. ISC will need to confirm that these classes did in fact get what they needed from the district and no longer needs grant money. Anne Frank, Penn Valley ISC rep, reported that teachers at PV are upset that they feel that none of their applications get approved and what's the point of applying and going through the process if they are always getting denied. It was confirmed during the meeting that Penn Valley did in fact receive a grant last spring.

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

December 4th with the Karen Center for Substance abuse will be speaking. They will be releasing new information regarding the 2023 spring survey that was done by the students. It asks questions relating to alcohol consumption, drugs, etc. They will also be comparing the results to Montgomery Co and students across the US.

Ideas for upcoming Parent/ Guardian Education Series: Anxiety, Executive Functioning, Internet safety, Communication btw parent and student. Bring Speak Up, student/student run event, back to our district. Why it is a good idea and why the district did away with it in the first place. District might agree to it if teachers were involved. How do we appeal to the younger parents? Bring someone in that could help navigate the social struggles younger kids are having with phones, social media, etc. What are the implications of a student's social life if they don't have a phone or access to social media. Do we do a segment on "Mean Girls" and then another on "Mean Boys" or do one and keep it gender neutral

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

a. LM Historical Society

b. A way to thank admin/transportation for start time change

Talia is working with the LM Historical Society.

Maybe combine start time and full day kindergarten. Maybe wait to celebrate start times until spring. Cara reported that some of the parents are really upset with the start times and how it is impacting their children. By waiting a bit gives those parents that are not happy time to get use to the change and won't be combative.

7. CARE Committee Update

CARE and AITF merged. The latest meeting was primarily talking about their history, recognizing new and old positions and passing the baton. It was an orientation that was setting expectations for future meetings. Next meeting is November 20th.

8. 9:55-10:00 School Board Committee Calendar: At-Large Members

a. Policy: November 1, 9am upcoming 12/5

Was emailed to the board by Michele who was unable to attend this meeting.

b. Curriculum: October 14, 7pm upcoming 12/2

Josh Cooperstein of music and arts wants to get a \$100,000 program approved that will only impact a very small number of students. The upkeep on this program/computers will be \$11,000 yearly. Discussed was also summer school and the math curriculum.

c. Facilities and Finance: October 17, 12pm upcoming 11/14

Talked about the district's playgrounds and improving them. Making sure everything is ADA regulated. Having a 3rd party evaluate and make sure within code. Gladwyne Elementary raised money to improve their playground. Not fair to the other schools in our district. LMSD gives equal funds to all the schools for their playgrounds. This is a budget approved.

d. Regular Business: October 21, 7pm upcoming 11/18

e. Equity & Anti-Racism: upcoming 11/13

f. Legislative:

g. Communications:

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

Talked about bringing in a 3rd party that is district approved to be a part of the planning process for our schools playground making them ADA regulated and accessible spaces indoor and outdoors. Adding components to work with children that have sensory and physical challenges. Adding in a music and art component

10. 10:20-10:30 Miscellaneous

- a. Wellness Committee (still waiting to hear from Megan)
- b. AITF and CARE Committees (waiting to hear)
- c. Superintendent search - wrapping up?