



IACA Jan 2012 Meeting Minutes

01/09/12 – Monday

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

IACS - cafeteria

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 pm

Accept Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion was made and passed to accept the Nov 07, 2011 meeting minutes.

Vote to Accept Financials: Lori presented treasurer's report. Motion made and passed to accept the financials with a small change to 100% club item being changed to QN store inventory expense.

New Business /Upcoming Events:

1. Walter Landberg spoke about future plans for IACS and how IACA can help. After brief introductions of all in attendance, Walter summarized what has happened in the last year and a half, including: the reason for the middle school expansion from 300-400 students; the school's past and current request to expand the HS to 400 students and how the expansion will allow for some funding for additional programming and facilities. He reviewed the masterplanning process for the IACS expansion, including the creation of the Facilities Task Force, which explored the future use of the space at IACS and the school expansion through the Department of Education. He explained that we must follow the same, state-defined process as any other public school district seeking expansion, yet we are not eligible to receive the state funds typically granted to these district schools. He provided several copies of the newly-approved Masterplan. A public meeting will be held on January 23 to review the plan and field any questions. The Masterplan will be available on the IACS website. In the short term, the hope is for a fall ribbon cutting for a newly constructed Track & Field Complex (Phase I). Phase II, additional classroom facilities, will be addressed once the 200 student HS expansion determination is made. Walter stresses that community involvement is key to accomplishing our goals and asked for our help to find ways to reach out to families with these plans. We have to educate the community regarding the fact that state aid is not available to us and get families to understand that we need to raise money to reduce the cost to avoid impacting current or future programming. Walter believes our giving culture here will make it easier to "galvanize everyone to do what they can". Ideas/suggestions that were shared:

- If individuals could host an intimate small group meeting where Walter would come to speak, and if each of those people then hosted his/her own small gathering and so on, we could better educate the community and rally support. A sign-up sheet was provided for those who want to help with this.
- It may be easier for people to donate if there was more transparency of what the money goes toward or has gone to. It would be nice to see what the goal is and where we are at from a dollar standpoint.
- We need a targeted fundraiser (e.g. 5K race, Spelling Bee, etc).
- Breakdown the very broad needs of the school into targeted goals, one at a time (e.g. the track and field complex).
- Fundraising breakfasts where Walter speaks could be very beneficial.
- We need to remind families that their donation is an eight year investment in their child's near-private school education, and it is tax deductible!

Walter is definitely open to reforming a development committee to spearhead generating additional ideas, getting sponsors, etc. and will send something out about creating such a committee.

2. Valerie reminded everyone that ALL publicity, either by email blast or the Hawk, needs to go through Annie.

3. Nashoba Tubing ticket sales are not strong so far, but this fundraiser doesn't cost us anything to run. Sheila will send out a request to HB liaisons to remind parents to buy tickets. Lori needs to push tickets as soon as roller skating is done.
4. IACA inventory is done and will be posted on Google Docs so all can see what we have for decorations, supplies, etc. If you have questions about it, contact Valerie. It will be rev'd each time is changed.
5. The outside storage box is here and will be put out tomorrow. Total cost with locks was \$234.63. IACA donated Frisbees from inventory.
6. Bylaws committee (Carol G, Valerie, Janet M) met in November and existing bylaws were reviewed as well as those of a few other schools to investigate how IACA should define officers, online voting, etc. The next meeting will be held on the Tuesday, 1/24 at Panera Bread at 6:30p.m.
7. Joyce Roller, Jane Collins and Lisa R. will chair January 11th Roller Kingdom event. Lori will give the cash box to Lisa tomorrow.
8. January Socials will have a Chinese New Year theme. Janet will chair 7/8 Social on 1/20 and Lisa will chair 5/6 Social on 1/27.
9. Baked goods will be provided (no bake sale) at the Open House on January 21st from 10am -12pm and information offered to prospective parents at 2 tables: in the HS and the MS. Mariclare will get the little water we have left to Allyson and ask for donations.
10. The board voted online that the 100% Club will chair Winter Ice Cream Social as their 100th day event. Last year's beach party stuff will be used. Each student will get a wristband at the door that says "IACS 100% participation". Cost is \$3/person or \$10/family. It will take place in different areas of the school and will include a band recital, the cheerleader half time show, a volleyball and basketball shootout and a 50/50 raffle. It was suggested to invite the chorus and extend the band recital segment to include them. There will be pizza and drinks as well. Slush will be provided as a dairy-free alternative. Mariclare will donate the volleyball net.
11. There was discussion about Hospitality coordinating a "school spirit" contest for 5th and/or 9th graders to design a t-shirt for incoming (new to the school) 5th and 9th graders in the fall. We could not reach agreement about which grades should be involved, if the students would wear them and if we can justify the expense. This will be revisited to move forward by February or March for August delivery.
12. A motion was made and passed that we will do another Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Mariclare will set it up to coincide with delivery for Mother's Day.
13. It was decided that the Chunky's Fundraiser will be timed so that tickets will be distributed before February vacation. Susan will get Karin the names of those who signed up to help with this fundraiser.
14. Big time social is Maddie O'Malley's Wake at the Billerica Elks on March 30th. We will be using the same company as Joey & Maria's Wedding and French's for catering. The Billerica Elks offers more space (more can attend), ample parking and was less expensive. There will be a silent auction. Cost is \$30/person, \$50 per couple or \$225 for a table of 10. We will also be accepting credit cards.
15. Next meeting we will vote on whether the IACA will take on the responsibility of coordinating jurors each year. Mariclare is looking for help for this.
16. Heather and Karin volunteered to complete last year's audit by March 1st.
17. Attendees were instructed to cast a vote for one of the 3 IACA banner options displayed on the table.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:38pm

Attendees:

V. Clark, M. Pollicelli, M. Frey, L. DiMattia, S. Hingorani, S Howard, A. Accettullo, C. McKiel, H. Landis, J. Tiano, B. Loehfelm, J. Morris, C Morgan, G. Wellenstein, K. Bourque, W. Landberg