

New Board Members Minutes of the March 11, 2010 Meeting of the Innovation Academy Community Association (IACA)

IACA Board Members Present: Janet Morris, Gwen Sandilands, Rose Lerer, Kathy Krystofik, Patti Condon, Paula Girouard, Carol Gallagher, Allyson Printz, Gail Falewicz

Minutes: The minutes from the January and February meetings were read and accepted. Motion by GS, 2nd by CG.

Treasurer's Report: GS reported not much activity during the past month—other than the roller skating party. She presented a Mid Year Treasurer's Report that showed:

- The big time social event line item is well below revenue but everything else is in line.
- No money has been paid out for enrichment. Some discussion followed about why parents are charged for enrichment activities even though money is available and is not being used.
- GS noted that we will have extra revenue coming in from the Chunky's fundraiser. This was not in the original budget plan so it will help.
- We have \$12,000 in the bank. We started the year with \$7,000-9,000.

Staff Appreciation Dinner: This is being held on Friday, March 26 at the Chelmsford Elks. The school is getting so big that they decided to rent a hall for this event and invite parents to come show their appreciation. The IACA has been asked to provide food. Volunteer bakers will send in items and some things will be purchased with the \$200 that we had budgeted for the May staff appreciation luncheon. We will cancel the May event and just combine our event with this event.

Funding Activities/Clubs: There is a robotics club at school. They don't have enough kits for both sections so they have to disassemble some things they have built in order for the second section to use them. Is this something that we want to fund for next year?... A discussion followed about funding activities that affect a few students vs. funding activities that affect many students... AP asked if we could host a totally free event. It was mentioned that we sponsor the end-of-year barbecue and the August ice cream social, both of which are free. An "earn and burn" event was discussed; it uses Dance Dance Revolution pads tied into a big screen.

Star Party: We will sell food. It was suggested that we go to Costco and buy some items to sell. We did not want to ask the bakers again since they just baked for Quality Nights and the Staff Appreciation Dinner.

Talent Show: JM spoke with Mr. Maier regarding help that we could provide with this event. We will sell food; pizza and/or hotdogs, and popcorn were mentioned.

Art Show in June: AP will contact bakers to provide food for sale at this event.

Basket Fundraiser: GF and AP have themes ready. There will be more baskets since there are more homebases this year. They will purchase tickets, containers for the tickets, cellophane, and baskets. Completed baskets will be stored in the IACA room.

They will start advertising soon... The schedule will be:

April 26-May 11: Collect items for the baskets. (Homebases will be notified in advance of the basket theme.)

May 17: Basket making shindig, 6-9PM in the library. People should drop by when they are available.

May 21-22: Display baskets at the HS play.

June 1-4: Display baskets at the book fair and the MS art show.

June 4: Pick the winning tickets at the MS art show.

Spirit Week: This event will be the week before April vacation.

June 8 Early Release Day: JM asked if we wanted to have another roller skating party on this day. GF asked if we could do mini-golf or something else outdoors instead.

Big Fundraising Event: One attendee asked if we were going to do a large event like a trivia night....Patti Condon spoke about Boston Charity Poker, which she has used for another non-profit. Last year, there were 70 people. This year, they had 95 people and made \$14,000. However, there is a \$100 buy-in. They have table sponsors, 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. It is a public event; you need to advertise it outside the school. Boston Charity Night makes up the flier....GF mentioned that, in 2006, the Parker School in Billerica grossed \$18,000 from a casino night. The admission was \$7 or \$10 at the door. The casino night is geared more toward the adults in the school community rather than the public....Both events require many volunteers.

Next Meeting: The next IACA meeting will be held on Monday, April 12th at 7:00 PM in the dining room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rose Lerer March 31, 2010.