

Pedro Menendez – IB Boosters Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020, virtually

Opening

The regular meeting of the Pedro Menendez – IB Boosters Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm on October 20, 2020, virtually via “Teams” platform by Tiffany Busby.

Present

Tiffany Busby, President
Amy Beese, Teacher Appreciation Committee
Jenny Holbrook
Charlene
Anje Newbold, Social Media Volunteer
Jonathan Higgins, IB Programme Director
Muhammad
Holly Guyton, Secretary
Kayla Ryan
Sabrina Abare, Treasurer
Leigh Ann Concha, Funding Committee
Patricia Payne
Monali Manikal
Mariajose
Lourdes Harris
Leila Wallut, Certificate Student Engagement Committee

Goal of IB Boosters: Tiffany Busby

To continually involve more parents, educate ourselves about IB and improve communication to others regarding the program.

Agenda

The agenda was shared via screen share on the Teams app. No further items were added.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes of the previous meeting as a secretary (myself, Holly Guyton) was not in place during that first meeting of the 2020-2021 school year.

Treasurers Report: Sabrina Abare

There are three (3) Vystar Accounts: Savings, Main checking, Dance checking. There were no questions on the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made by Monali Manikal to approve the treasurer’s report and Jonathan Higgins seconded the motion. There was no discussion based on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Dates: Jonathan Higgins

- Seniors: Focusing on SAT testing / extended essays
- Juniors: SAT/ACT testing/preparing for extended essays

- Sophomores: Deadline is Nov. 15 for dual enrollment classes for the spring semester
- Freshman: Pert test

**Check IB website for additional calendar events

Open Issues

IB Funding of Programs:

- **Wreath Sales.** Beginning on Thursday – Oct 22 – Students will receive information in order to begin sales. PMHS makes \$8 per wreath. Sales due Oct. 30th. Can order online also with code: IBFALCFL001.
https://www.mickmanholidaygifts.com/applycoupon/index/?code=IBFALCFL001&return_url=no
- **Amazon Smile.** Leigh Ann Concha - PMHS gets 1% of sales:
 - 1) **Action Items:
 - Get information out to parents
 - Where does funding go within the school?

New Business

- DE (Duel Enrollment): Registration for DE classes must be completed. Brick and mortar students will complete in class, but distant learning students must complete on their own by Nov. 15.
- Teacher Appreciation: Amy Beese gave the report. Jonathon Higgins recommended that teachers appreciate smaller, more frequent gestures vs. limited but grander-scale events. In discussion are partnerships with Purple Olive (Holiday lunch), Island Donuts and Growers Alliance for special snacks or lunches. Amy offered to follow up on planning an October teacher appreciation activity.
- IB Buddy Program: Jonathon Higgins (Mentorship of lowerclassmen by upperclassmen). Students are heading up the program this year. Great progress has been made and mentors are signing up via Schoology.
- In midst of intense, time-consuming 5-year IB plan review. Headed up by Mr. Higgins and Mr. Cofield.
- Important to distinguish between IB diploma and certificate students, but keep both engaged and included.

IB Booster Lesson of the Day: Jonathon Higgins

- CAS (Creativity/Activity/Service): Students need 100 hours for a bright futures scholarship.
- Mr. Higgins speaks to each student individually about status of their SAT/ACT/extended essay/which schools students are applying to in order to keep them on pace.
- Discussed differences/benefits/drawbacks of IB vs. Duel Enrollment. Students/parents can download handbook regarding Bright Futures. <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>. As well, the following link outlines which college credits students can earn from dual / IB courses: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/0078391-acc-cbe.pdf>
- **Action Item: Discussed Naviance – resource for college preparation and other similar platforms. Mr. Higgins will look into one used at Nease High School.

Next Meeting Dates:

November 17, 2020, January 19, 2021, February 16, 2021, March 9, 2021, April 20, 2021 and May 18, 2021.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm. by Tiffany Busby. The next IB Booster meeting will be held at 4:30 on November 17, 2020, via Teams.

Minutes submitted by: Holly Guyton, Secretary

Approved by: