

April 4, 2018 PTSA meeting minutes

1. Welcome by Christine Gay, PTSA President and Quorum was established
2. Administrative Update by Ms. Fleri:

Lower academy – Ms. Diaz asked that we reiterate importance of testing calendar. Parents need to mind kids' attendance. Can't avoid sickness, but otherwise avoid absences on testing dates. PK – 12 – upper academy testing goes through May 18th.

Upper academy –

- Ms. Fleri stated that the upper academy always appreciates the support of the PTSA. They know that proportionally the upper academy is under represented because kids are older, and iPrep is not a community school. It is difficult for administration to get students back to school for meetings, etc. The upper academy appreciates pizza Fridays, etc. Miami Music Project gave upper academy 10 seats on chartered bus for March for our Lives – 9 students + counselor Ms. Pedrozo, marched, and really beautiful experience.
- If you are a current student at iPrep you do not have to apply if meeting magnet requirements. On Monday, April 9th, there is a scheduled transition to 6th grade meeting with 5th grade parents.
- iPrep had 500 applicants for 6th grade – no spots // 500 applications for high school – triple the previous years.
- “See something, say something” is in full force. Last student services initiative is safety. District is still finalizing its “code red” drill. Security is the District's #1 priority. iPrep has locked doors, including classroom doors, which were kept unlocked. Security guards are vigilant. Officer Hart is new addition to school. Presence of police car is a deterrent. 6th to 12th grade will be enforcing ID badges as soon as next week, faculty and staff too. iPrep has very few points of entry.
- Current procedure for fire at the school is exiting the building. All of elementary goes to the playground. Upstairs fire procedure – half walk out through garage to NE 1st, other half go out to playground. Current “code red” lockdown procedure is to hunker down in classroom and lock door. Currently all doors are locked everyday day. If in cafeteria, go under table, turn off lights, lock doors. Kids need to hunker down and be completely silent.
- Biscayne door has been readjusted so that after 9am it is permanently locked. Security guard also there. Guard has to press button and open door.

- After Parkland, Ms. Fleri visited each class and discussed safety procedures, also told kids that if they need to talk, see any adult. Went around the following week also and gave out chocolate kisses, said kids were supported. In May there will be curriculum with the counselors to discuss/promote safe schools.
3. The Minutes for the February 13, 2018 PTSA meeting, which were posted on the iprepptsa.org website were ratified and approved by a vote of the members.
 4. Budget Update – Treasurer Jocelyn Schmidt presented the treasurer’s report and budget update:
 - a. Spring Picnic – collected \$1610.07, spent \$444.03, total raised \$1166.04
 - i. donation of \$250 for picnic pavilion by Christine Gay
 - b. To date, 5th grade has raised \$8,390 for year-end activities
 - c. Total bank account balance of \$29,526.75 as of 4/1/08
 - d. The members voted to approve the following donations of PTSA funds as requested by the teachers:
 1. \$275 approved for Ms. Philips for half of national dues for robotics club (will benefit grades 6-12)
 2. \$500 approved for Ms. Wilson, 6th grade STEM field trip
 3. \$632.53 approved for Ms. Araya for field trip to Frost Museum to benefit 8th grade science students
 4. \$150 approved for Ms. Hauser to benefit girls coding club
 5. \$500 approved for 9th grade teachers for Dave and Busters (50 students)
 6. \$930 approved for Ms. Keller for vocabulary enrichment computer program to benefit 10th and 11th grades (110-120 students)
 7. \$250 approved for Yoly for National Honor Society end of year lunch (60 students)
 8. \$500 approved for Ms. Gelber for Model UN Club to compete at UF event (20 students)
 9. \$500 approved for 4th grade end of year celebratory trip to Bird Bowl
 10. \$600 approved for 3rd grade end of year picnic
 11. \$750 approved for 8th grade end of year lunch at school (instead of Rusty Pelican)
 12. \$1,500 approved for Senior prom
 13. \$500 approved for Ms. Diaz end of year ceremonies
 14. \$500 approved for zoo field trip for Ms. Gutierrez 7th grade
 15. \$536 (up from \$500) approved for Pre-K end of year activities
 5. Announcements – Ivo Duwin will be joining the board as our student representative.

6. Election- PTSA election will be held at the annual meeting in May 2018. If you would like to run for the board, please complete a nomination form tonight, or one can be found in the Main Office.
7. Upcoming Events – Parent’s Night Out Saturday, April 7th, TAW – week of May 14th, need volunteers for all pizza Fridays

Meeting was adjourned.

Recording secretary could not be present so Christine Gay took meeting minutes