

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the Academic Boosters on 3/7/19.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Spencer Brown, President.

The floor was then turned over to Mr. Weigel, Principal, for the Principals report. Mr. Weigel began by commenting on the success of the Hockey and Girls Basketball teams.

Grades 9 thru 11 have had or will have Guidance present Course Descriptions to the classrooms. There are a lot of singleton classes. Listing Alternate Classes is important. Classes must be selected by the students in Skyward before Spring Break.

Next Monday is 8<sup>th</sup> grade transition day. They will review how to connect the 8<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT from their College Board account to their Khan Academy account. There will be 2 nights for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> will be a day of school to makeup for days lost to snow. Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> is testing day. No seniors in attendance. Each senior student needs to fill out a form showing that they spent time at a college visit or job shadow.

The Michigan Supreme Court will be in session on April 24<sup>th</sup> at East Grand Rapids High School. There will be 5 schools visiting.

There will be IB and AP testing in April and May.

The floor was turned over to Mrs. McKinney, IB Program Coordinator, along with IB students:

Olivia Brown, Senior

Drew Johnston, Senior

Ellie Iorio, Junior

Mrs. McKinney reviewed statistics from the Class of 2018. All students passed TDK, CAS and EE. There were 200 papers and 4 students earned a 7. Students earned above world average in 9 courses.

Alumni night was held and 9 were present to share their reflections now that they have had 1 semester in college.

Class of 2018 – 24 Diploma candidates

Class of 2019 – 24 Diploma candidates

Class of 2020 – 21 Diploma candidates

Class of 2021 – 31 Diploma candidates

IB is continuing to work to support students. Lunchtime does not work well for extra class. In the future, in order to take TOK the following schedule will be followed:

Sophomore – pulled from class for 1 day

Junior – pulled from class for 9 days

Senior – pulled from class for 7 days

In order to take CAS and EE the following schedule is followed:

Junior – pulled from class for 3 days

Senior – pulled from class for 1 day

Aquinas College has been a partner by providing testing space, library tutorials and library databases.

Celebration evening program was February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Every 5 years the curriculum is revisited. Language and Literature is a new class. Math courses are being retitled. We will offer 3 of the 4:

Math Applications SL

Math Analysis SL

Math Analysis HL

SL and HL classes are weighted if you are a candidate student.

Ellie has Math HL. There are 5 students that connect with the teacher, Mr. Farmer, for lesson at the beginning of the week and then the rest of the week is spent on homework.

Drew has Math SL. There are 9 students with Mr. Dkystra and he now likes Math a little more.

Olivia has Math Studies with Mrs. Murphy. This is a 1 year class stretched out over 2 years. She has 3 weeks to review for test.

It depends on the college you are going to if you can get college credit for IB courses. Be cautious and look in to the policy of each college.

Drew has Music SL which is a 2-year class. He has history and theory for 2 days and the other 3 days are spent in band, orchestra or choir.

Olivia has Visual Arts. She has a comparative artist study and writes reflections on artwork.

IA's are internal assessments. They are papers written to prepare for EE and can act as a grade boost.

IB Physics is being discontinued.

Question: What surprised students about IB?

Drew – he is now a better writer.

Ellie – developed independent research skills

Olivia – how manageable it is. Teachers are accommodating and she is close to IB classmates.

Students at first not sure about IB (Olivia and Drew) but are now glad they are in the program.

Ellie likes a lot of different things and wanted to try IB.

Academic students sometimes struggle with IB. Informational nights emphasize what kind of learner you are.

IB students can now take We the People as sophomores.

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The floor was turned back over to Spencer Brown, President. Spencer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January Academic Boosters meeting. There was a motion, and it was seconded and the minutes were approved. Spencer proceeded to talk about the upcoming Awards Ceremony scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>, with Mr. Stuursma as the speaker and volunteers are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Mooney, Treasurer