

NCHS IronPride Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2008

Lisa Osnowitz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Those present were Lisa Osnowitz, Kate Rodriguez, Julie Stokke, Judy Fritzen, Janie Zalesiak, Judy Jiles, Beth Nobre, Felicia Harrison, Colleen Liesman and Dennis Larson.

Beth Nobre motioned to accept the minutes and Judy Jiles seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Principal's Report (Jeanette Nuckolls): Dennis Larson represented the administration, as Dr. Nuckolls could not attend due to a conflict with an IHSA event. Her note thanked us for providing food for the teacher's luncheon.

She received the results of the Principal's Time Study. The shadow commented that we have no idea how good our kids at NCHS really are.

The following data was collected during the week of Dr. Nuckolls being shadowed by Pat Marshall:

Hours in School: 52

Management related activities: 76.6%

Instruction related activities: 22%

Personal time: 1.4%

Her goal is to increase her instructional time. She will be visiting the classrooms more often during the final weeks of school. The teachers have been informed so they won't be alarmed.

Parental Survey results (they were asked 3 questions):

What do you consider to be the main job of the principal?

Instruction/learning 19%

Discipline/student safety 65%

Have you ever had a discussion with your principal?

Yes 32%

No 68%

Are you familiar with the SAM model used at your school?

Yes 0%

No 100% (not surprising since we don't have a SAM model yet.)

President (Lisa Osnowitz):

Some of the open positions have been filled. The following positions are still open next year:

Hospitality

Dance

Treasurer

Publicity

Greeters

Special Events

Beth commented that it is sad so few parents attend the IronPride meetings. She would like us to encourage representatives from other parent groups to attend our meetings for the greater good of the school. It was noted that there are lots of parents participating in their child's specific activities.

Treasurers (Beth Nobre / Becky Cobert): The current balance is \$17,130.65 and all the bills are paid. \$87,000 went through the account this year. She would like to keep \$4,000 to \$5,000 to cover start-up costs in the fall. She presented graphs on the averages spent. The store made over \$16,000 this year.

Committee Reports

Vice Presidents (Terri Heid/Peggy Feldman): No report.

Hospitality (Teri Carroll-Miller): The baked potato lunch this week went very well. She has three more events planned for April and May and needs about \$1000.00. She will provide snacks during finals week as well. The committee spent about \$4000.00 so far this year.

Spirit Store (Pam Wylder/Colleen Liesman): The store is stocked and ready. A volunteer could not get the door to the Spirit Store unlocked today. Colleen will check on it. The store will be open through the last full day of school. Beth stated that there were many days that the store was not open due to a lack of volunteers. We may want to consider paying volunteer groups next year like we do for the café.

Café (Julie Stokke/Judy Jiles): The after-prom committee worked the café last week. We need volunteers for the remainder of the year. The café will not be open during finals week.

Web Master (Felicia Harrison): No report.

Concessions (Janie Zalesiak): Janie discussed paying groups a given percentage in answer to Lisa's question last month, should we take control and pay groups a percentage of sales to work it? We would supply the products and the group would supply the workers. This is similar to how the summer basketball concessions were run. This would provide consistency and a similar program works well at West. Janie prefers that groups bring their own supplies because they can make a lot more money when the parents donate items. The groups complained this year about the set prices and many other things. She also mentioned that the custodians prefer bottles rather than cans. The concession areas need to be cleaned too.

Publicity (Available): This position is still open.

Dance (Judy Fritzen): No report.

Greeters (Available): This position is still open.

Special Events: Snacks for PSAE are covered.

Library: No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The constitution was revised and presented for approval. Janie Zalesiak motioned to accept the new constitution and Felicia Harrison seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IronPride awarded the IronPride Spirit Scholarships of \$250.00 each to Jake Kretlow, Matt Staley, Lauren (Leesa) Byrd, Han Lam Chau and Katie Lutes.

A freshmen-mentoring program will be introduced next year.

Requests:

The After-prom committee requested \$1000.00 worth of Spirit Store merchandise to be given out as door prizes at after-prom. If we choose not to donate, they would like us to consider selling them merchandise at cost. They also inquired about the concession stands and the café for next year's group.

Kate Rodriguez motioned that we donate up to 75 items from the store and Felicia Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Christopherson and Mr. Bergman of the Science Dept. requested \$149.00 for software to translate Chemistry slides, worksheets, etc. into Spanish for the ESL students. The software is Systran6 and is an office translator. This will benefit all ESL students.

Janie Zalesiak motioned to donate \$149.00 for the software and to make it available to all teachers and Beth Nobre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Spirit Store found a 16-foot trailer for taking merchandise to the football games. It is available in special colors (orange and black) and we could ask the art department to paint it too. Judy Jiles motioned to spend up to \$6000.00 to purchase the trailer and Julie Stokke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa brought on old request back to the table. The Student Support Program had previously asked for money to purchase rewards for good behavior for their students that was denied. We had given them the breakfast and transportation money that they had also requested. Janie Zalesiak motioned that we donate \$500.00 to support their end of year auction and Judy Jiles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 19, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Rodriguez