

IPAT Meeting
September 12, 2011

1. In attendance: Corrina Ferguson, Gina Fafard, Blythe Henry, Jenni Barnes, Diane Zieminski, Jason Rusk, Jill Rusk, Kathleen Beddoe, Patricia Serra, Dawn Mingione, Theresa Guthridge, Tony Graham, Brenda Eikenburg, Diane Zieminski, Ivette Rosario

2. Upcoming IPAT Meetings:
October 17, 2011
November 14, 2011
December 12, 2011

3. Upcoming ISAAC events:
 - *September 21, 2011 – Back to School Night
 - Parents given the opportunity to follow their child’s schedule & meet teachers/faculty
 - Service agencies scheduled to be at ISAAC with information for families
 - Student Support Center to be open
 - *Camping Trips
 - Team Endurance (Grades 7 & 8) October 6-7, 2011
 - Team Pioneer (Grades 6 & 7) October 13-14, 2011
 - Discussed need for parent volunteers – firewood, providing food, staying overnight
 - Suggestion: detailed sign-up poster board at Back-to-School Night for parents to sign up to help
 - Discussed need to change volunteer form – clarify specific needs/ times for volunteering
 - Discussed technology(phones) being an issue at campout
 - *ISAAC School Picture Day: October 28, 2011
 - *Fundraisers: money goes to the Student Activity Fund/8th grade trip to Camp Hazen
 - Multicultural Dinner (Spring) – discussed need to set a menu. Date to be set at next meeting.
 - ACE Award – November 4, 2011 @ Port & Starboard at Ocean Beach – A celebration to honor Ken Kitchings. Major fundraiser for school infrastructure projects.
 - Mid October fundraiser – food items
 - Fundraising suggestions: Mixed Bag, “Evening of Giving” at the Crystal Mall (sell tickets for \$10, ISAAC keeps a \$7 profit), bake sale at the concert
 - *Needs: parents to provide food for teachers for parent-teacher conferences & for National Teacher Appreciation Day

4. Information from the Director
 - *School Blast – looking to get a school alert/phone system to notify parents of upcoming events, important information
 - *Newsletters have been sent out in hard copy – not yet sent out via email
 - *Looking to update the ISAAC school website
 - *ISAAC CMT science scores higher than every other charter school in CT
 - *Bussing continues to be a problem – a number of students had to leave ISAAC due to transportation issues
 - *Installed Powerschool – student’s schedules are online – teachers are working to get all online, should be up by midterms – parent portal may not be up until next year
 - *Working to connect with community agencies:

Collaborating with the Coast Guard – student/teachers & science classes

Dominion University

Garde Arts Center – “In This House” based on the Hempstead House – ISAAC & other schools given old windows to decorate with what is in the ISAAC House

Tse-Tse Gallery - Artwork, sidewalk artwork project

New London Plaza (former Radisson Hotel) allowing ISAAC to have after school swim lessons

UConn Avery Point & Connecticut College – students available to volunteer

*ISAAC Development Office now on the 3rd floor – Migdalia able to have meetings

*Community Health on site

*Dress Code – Mrs. Fafard asked for parent input on the topic of instituting a uniform for ISAAC students

*Student Government – Mr. K (new social studies teacher) planning to run; would like to give them the “student voice” of the school

5. Board of Director’s Meeting – September 13, 2011
6. Concerns: Lunch menus have not yet been sent home