

CAT Meeting Minutes
February 7th, 2022
6:30 - 8 pm

- I. Admin Update
 - A. All classes are on campus, no classes currently on quarantine.
 - B. Enthusiasm week went great!
 - C. Parent tours went very well. Student ambassadors did a great job giving tours of the SIA campus. Great job kids!
 - D. Kids Heart Challenge has raised \$7700 for American Heart Association
 - E. February 23rd, 9th grade parent night and March 9th, 8th grade parent night for high school options
 - F. Career path days are coming soon.
 - G. 2nd round (Winter) MAP testing will be taking place soon.
 - H. Testing Kindergartners for dyslexia
- II. Middle Academy ASB Update
 - A. Candy Gram sale started this week. Those are \$2.
 - B. Dance is pending approval. Students need to wear masks consistently for dance to get approved.
- III. Next CAT meeting Monday, March 7th at 6:30. April's CAT meeting will take place the second week of April due to spring break.
- IV. Treasurer update
 - A. We currently have \$16,416.76 in the CAT account. This larger than usual amount is because CAT has not been able to spend for events the past two years due to COVID.
 1. This amount includes recent fundraisers: MOD pizza nights, Turkey Trot, Box Tops, Amazon Smile.
 - B. \$800 was approved for Middle Academy ASB to use for holding a school dance, at last month's CAT meeting.
 - C. \$150 was also approved last month for underwear and socks to have on hand in case a student has an accident or steps in a big puddle outside.
- V. Upcoming fundraisers and events
 - A. Hop n Drops fundraiser will be held on 2/8/22 at both locations. 20% of sales from SIA families will be given back to CAT.
 - B. Spring fundraiser postponed for now, unless there is something specific SIA staff would like funds for. Example: school garden, additional recess equipment, games, etc.
 - C. Skate night at Roller Valley is scheduled for April 20th. \$9 for rentals, \$8 for those who bring their own skates. The amount given back to SIA depends on how many students come to skate night. The more students attend, the more money CAT gets back from admission.
 - D. Bingo: will be scheduled in May. Location TBD.
- VI. Traffic Safety concerns

- A. Several parents expressed safety concerns regarding drop and pick up, primarily pick up. Several ideas were brainstormed.
 - B. SIA staff have not been treated well by some parents who are frustrated with the heavy traffic during drop off/pick up times.
 - C. Traffic safety committee was formed for parents to work with the admin and staff, for the purpose of finding solutions to keep kids safe. If you want to join please email Stephanie: sbowdish@gmail.com
- VII. Advocacy
- A. Representative Timm Ormsby (D) requested a vote from the caucus so house bill 1591 could get a hearing. Unfortunately, not enough caucus members approved the hearing for the bill.
 - B. Next step would be a budget proviso. This would mean WA Charters would apply for temporary authorizations of state funding for charter schools.
 - C. Opening the authorization for new charter schools to be established did not pass.
 - D. Charters receive approximately 30% less than what other school districts receive in funding.
 - E. Levy equalization would bring in 1.3 billion to charters in WA.
 - F. For any information regarding advocacy for students in WA, please contact darcelina@wacharters.org
- VIII. New Family Parent ambassadors idea discussion
- A. Parents who have been part of the SIA community would volunteer to welcome new families into the community and help answer any questions.
- IX. Teacher Appreciation Week
- A. Teacher appreciation week committee was formed and will work together in planning a special week for teachers in early May. To join this effort, please email sarahdurrant824@gmail.com to be put on the committee communication list. We will hold our first meeting over Zoom on Tuesday 2/22 from 6:30 - 7:15 to brainstorm ideas.