

AICE Booster Club Meeting 9/21/15

Start time: 6:00 PM

End Time: 7:15 PM

In attendance: Dena Bechtle, Sibylle Valvo Schnotalla, Eileen Whittaker, Jo Anne Bruehert, Allison Barlow, Joel Steward, Wendy Williams, Lisa Sneed, Rosemarie Nielen D Raadt, Kathy Miller, Barbara Kleisler, Borna Hossain, Leslie Lucas, Valerie Fowler

We would like to welcome and thank all the new parents that attended this meeting. It is great to have more parents getting involved.

New Business

1. Sibylle explained what the booster club is and why it was formed.
2. Dena explained the difference between the internal and external AICE accounts. The internal account is controlled through the school and covers expenses such as stoles for graduation, end of year gifts, stationery, exam fees, senior luncheon and reunion lunch. The external account is the booster club account which covers things like: purchases we are unable to make using the internal account due to school/district rules such as gift cards, being able to hold raffles, filling teacher "wish lists", creating a scholarship and subsidizing college trips.
3. We discussed ideas for getting the AICE students together "just for fun":
 - A monthly pizza lunch party where kids pay \$1/slice and have lunch together
 - A holiday banquet for kids & parents to be held after the winter break
 - A bowling party
 - A night under the stars where the students have a party on the football field.
4. A parent asked if there are dues to be in the AICE Booster Club. She said that at Nease, the IB Booster Club charges dues and raises a lot of money. We do not charge dues to be a part of the booster club.
5. Discussion was held about having a service project day for the AICE students such as a beach clean-up day. If anyone has an idea and would like to organize it, please let us know and we will get the word out.
6. October 29th is the AICE Induction ceremony for Juniors.
7. Fundraiser Ideas:
 - Discount Card fundraiser
 - Teacher Dare – various teachers commit to doing something the kids want them to do. Jars are set up with the teachers' names and act and the kids vote by placing money in the jar of the teacher they want to 'win'. The teacher whose jar has the most money has to do what the kids requested of him/her.
8. Annual AICE Auction – This is our biggest fundraiser and will be our 3rd year doing it. The first 2 years we held the auction during the SJCCA spring musical performance. Since we didn't have an idea for a draw to the auction nor the man power to pull off a big, solo event, we felt having it during the performance would give us access to a large audience. In exchange for allowing us to piggyback on their event, we offered a portion of the proceeds to the SJCCA musical theater program. We felt this was a win-win situation especially since many AICE students are in the SJCCA program and would benefit from it and the SJCAA dept. did not have to help us other than to have an announcement about the auction before the show, during intermission and in their playbill. Unfortunately, we did not get the cooperation we hoped for and would really like to break out on our own. So, we are looking in to doing a solo event this year. The idea is to have a dinner/dancing night for AICE families. Some of the ideas for a draw to the event are:
 - Have the auction at the event
 - Use AICE students as servers

- Have a talent show by students and/or clubs
- Do AICE student recognition
- If we do the "Teacher Dare" fundraiser, have the act performed at the event
- If created, present a scholarship to an AICE student
- Present an award to "AICE Teacher of the Year" as voted upon by students prior to the event
- Ask Mr. Brewer's band "The Committee" to perform

Three of our new parents, Valerie Fowler, Leslie Lucas and Borna Hossain, volunteered to contact FCTC to get information about using one of their banquet rooms (THANK YOU). The information needed is:

- Price
- Dinner options
- Are alcoholic beverages permitted to be served
- Occupancy
- Dates available (we'd like something in late April)

In terms of needs for the auction, we would like to have more gift baskets from donors. We tend to get a lot of gift certificates which do quite well but feel gifts baskets or large ticket items look more enticing. We also need to follow up with businesses more often. Last year, a couple of weeks before the auction, we had student volunteers spend an afternoon after school calling all the businesses we hadn't heard from and then the board members and/or students went to the businesses to pick up the items. This should be started sooner. AND we really need more parent involvement. The last 2 years were done by the same 5 people. There are many tasks that can be done behind the scenes. You don't have to come to the meetings. Our biggest need is donations. As you're out and about doing your normal daily activities, see if you can get a donation or 2 at the same time. Think of who you know that has a business that might be willing to donate an item or service and ask. The booster club is a non-profit organization and we have letters you can provide to the donor for tax purposes.

There were many great ideas but they can't get done if no one is willing to take them on. Please let us know you'd like to coordinate any of the ideas mentioned or if you have other ideas that you'd like to propose and organize.

Next Meeting: 10/26 @ 6PM in the Media Center

To be discussed:

1. Auction/FCTC findings
2. Adding a Publicity Coordinator and Silent Auction Coordinator