

Modesto High School  
International Baccalaureate Booster Club Meeting  
**Monday – October 4, 2021**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Minutes**

In Attendance: 26 total

**I. Welcome and Introductions (Tina Rocha)**

**II. Approve Minutes**

- a. September 13, 2021 (Amanda Hughes, motion to approve minutes, Veronica second, motion approved)

**III. Treasurer’s Report (Tina Rocha)**

Current account balance is approximately \$20,023.51. IB Booster clubs has multiple accounts and will move \$1,500 from Money Market Advantage account to Basic Business Checking account to cover operating expenses, which includes cleaning the IB stoles used for 2021 graduation and IB patches.

Account	Balance (9/30/2021)
Basic Business Checking	\$462.31
Money Market Advantage	\$9,416.59
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,118.92
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,023.51</b>

**IV. Discussion Items**

- a. Parent Mentorship Program (Vanessa Kinzie)

The intention is to provide mentorship for parents that have freshman or sophomores. If parents are interested, they can email the booster club. This is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the IB program, testing process, etc. To date, we have not received requests from new parents to be paired with a mentor parent.

- b. Fundraiser - Dining Out (Vanessa Kinzie)

IB Boosters is hoping to schedule Tuesday night fundraisers in partnership with local restaurants. We are having a hard time confirming restaurants to participate during this economic climate. Potential partnership with Togos in Ceres on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 8pm, but we will confirm and push out through Remind.

c. Volunteer Opportunities (Tina Rocha)

Opportunities to volunteer include: proctoring for IB Testing, assisting with dead week with snacks, and teacher appreciation. A survey was created and emailed to parents to indicate. The survey can also be accessed on the IB Parent Booster Club [website](#).

**V. Guest Speakers**

a. Senior Scholarship - Mr. Chris Peterson

Chris Peterson proposed that we change the scholarship criteria process and use the scholarship to incentivize student behaviors that we hope to see anyway. The idea is that we will have a culminating event where students have a 'show and tell' experience in the spring that celebrates students for their extended essay, art presentations, CAS projects. Scholarships will provide an incentive, which could increase their performance and also provide parents an opportunity to see what the students are doing. This also provides an opportunity to train the next generation of students, which can help with recruitment, as well as train the incoming sophomores and juniors. Teachers also hope that this event will help demystify the essay/senior project process and reduce student anxiety. Logistically, this could be hosted in the library or AVID Center, but we would need to look at school schedules to ensure that it doesn't conflict with other activities.

Parents responded positively to the concept and Tina recommended that we create a committee of IB teachers and IB Booster parents to help assist with this process (i.e. date, logistics, forms, etc.) Beth de Jong and Monica B volunteered to serve on this committee and will work with Mr. Peterson to develop a proposal to present to the IB Parent Booster Club for approval.

b. College Application 411 - Ms. Gloria Garibay, College Counselor (you can access presentation slides on the IB Parent Booster Club [website](#) and additional resources on the [MHS College & Career Center website](#))

- Academics – keep good grades; colleges generally do not accept D grades. Students are encouraged to retake a class to improve their GPA.
- CSU/UC Systems will no longer require the SAT/PSAT, but private colleges still use this assessment. Students take the PSAT in 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- IB/AP tests results will not be used for college admission decision, but they can be used for college credit after admission

- Colleges are looking for a holistic application, which shows student participation in clubs, jobs, and volunteer service. They want to see if students showed leadership action (i.e. initiated a new project or generated ideas that were helpful to the club).
- College Fit – it is important for students to identify a college that is an ideal fit (i.e. cost, admission criteria, geographic setting, atmosphere, size, etc.). Students can utilize Naviance’s super match tool to help identify the right college. It is good to visit colleges in person or virtually if possible. Students should have a complete list of schools by senior year (3-4 reach, 3-4 on target, 3-4 safety)
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) regional tuition assistance
- Naviance has a self-discovery portal that students can use to help narrow their best fit college and try career interest profiles
- College application process – CSU/UC applications are due November 30<sup>th</sup>. UC requires Personal Insight Questions, but no letter of recommendation. CSU does not require an essay or letter of recommendation. Private Colleges/Out of State Colleges have various deadlines. If a student requires a letter of recommendation, then the student must complete a questionnaire and ask counselors before November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Financing College – students encouraged to complete FAFSA to access grants, which do not need to be repaid. Students can learn about scholarships on Modesto High’s website.

VI. **IB Coordinator Update** - Ms. Kerry Castellani

- According to Ms. Castellani, very few students are participating in Counselor workshops. Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to learn about different colleges.
- IB test registration for Juniors & Seniors is underway. Students can access the registration information on the Modesto High IB website (i.e. the 2022 Exam Registration Worksheet). MCS is paying for the IB testing fees. Deadline to register is October 15th.
- Letters of Recommendation deadline is November 1st. Students must go into the counselor office in person and submit a full packet.
- Legislation passed that allows students that graduated during the pandemic to change letter grades to pass or no pass. This is appropriate for students that received D’s since it will benefit their GPA. Students can do this by Friday, October 8th.
- IB Pinning – originally scheduled for both juniors and seniors on October 25th at Gallo Center. The COVID-19 Delta variant impacted this decision. At this time, the plan is to provide some sort of IB Pinning event for seniors on

October 25th, an event for the juniors will be scheduled at a later date. More details to follow.

- IB Club – encourage students to join. Focus will be on what students need, including college readiness, social events, etc.

VII. Ways to Support & Stay Connected

- We encourage parents to sponsor the IB Parent Booster Club, if possible. There are multiple sponsorship levels. Flyers, in both English & Spanish, were mailed to IB Parents in early October.

VIII. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.