

**MINUTES OF THE
WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PARENT ASSOCIATION
MAY 24, 2016**

Hiten Patel, President, called the Business Meeting of the WHS IBPA to order at 6:30 PM on May 24, 2016.

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that proper notice of the Business Meeting had been provided, and that approximately 12 members were present at the commencement of the meeting. Mr. Patel asked for comments or corrections to the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting. There being no comments or corrections, a motion was made and seconded by Mr. Brocato and Mrs. Brady, respectively, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Patel reviewed the evening's agenda and requested members adhere to meeting etiquette to ensure an effective meeting.

Mr. Patel explained the rationale for the organizational change under consideration - the removal of the designation as a RRISD Booster Club - and the associated changes to the Bylaws. Those changes included the modification of the officer roster to create a Secretary-Treasurer position instead of a Treasurer position and the elimination of the nominating committee structure for annual officer elections. Mr. Patel asked for comments or corrections to the organization structure change and the Bylaws adopted on March 1, 2016. There being no comments or corrections, a motion was made and seconded by Mrs. Brady and Mr. Brocato, respectively, and unanimously passed to adopt the revisions to the Bylaws, as presented.

As a result of the changes to the organization structure and Bylaws, Mr. Patel requested the ratification of the officers elected at the March 1, 2016, as follows:

Hiten Patel, President

Vickie Robinson-Patterson, VP-IB Community

Natalie Weisheuegel, VP Pre-IB Community

In addition, Mr. Patel placed into nomination Chunyan Pei for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Being duly motioned and seconded, the slate of officers was ratified and elected for the forthcoming academic year.

Next, Mr. Patel presented Committee Updates from the Communication, Membership and Ambassador Committees. Reference is made to the powerpoint presentation or the details of this update. The College & Career Committee and the Enrichment Trip Committee did not meet so no update was provided.

Old Business being concluded, Mr. Patel turned over the meeting to Stephanie Childress to provide an IB Program Update on Accelerated Science. Highlights from the update include:

- Starting with the Class of 2020, Accelerated Science 1 will not be offered.

WHS administration is working on a proposal for IB science paths and expects it to be finalized in early spring 2017.

- For students currently in Accelerated Science 1 (Class of 2019), their options for continued study include Accelerated Science 2, Pre-AP Chemistry and/or AP Physics I (formerly known as Pre-AP Physics). Please consult your counselor and/or Ms. Childress if you would like further information or to modify your student's schedule for next year. Time is critical, so please do so as soon as possible.
- There was robust discussion from the floor regarding this change, its impact on the science course sequence, and the impact this may have on the Class of 2019 and future classes.
- There were several questions that required follow up by Ms. Childress, and she plans to communicate these answers to members through e-mail.

Following the IB Program Update, Mr. Patel mentioned the intention to have a Pre-IB Orientation and Tailgate for Pre-IB Students (IB Students are invited), details of which need to be finalized. Communication will be sent over the summer to inform families.

There being no further business, Mr. Patel adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

These minutes being a fair and accurate recording of the events of the meeting on May 24, 2016, they are respectfully submitted as the official record.

/s/ Chunyan Pei

Chunyan Pei
Secretary