

# **2020-2021 ELP-IB Steering Committee Minutes**

August 19, 2020

**West High School ELP/IB Steering Committee  
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**5:30 pm**

**Notes on Agenda**

- Welcome and Brief Introductions:
- Purpose of ELP/IB Steering Committee
  - Suggest
  - Support
- Elections and filling positions –

Chair:

Chair Elect: Shannon Wilson

Secretary: Jamie Dansie

Treasurer: Heather May

12<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep Wendy Chu, Katherine Kennedy

11<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep L.S. and Amy Jameson

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep Allyson Maughan

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep Anne Harges

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep Amanda Sutton, Wendy Sears

District ELP Advisory Rep Anne Harges

Faculty Rep for IB/ELP committee Sandy Twiggs

Faculty Rep for District Advisory Jake Tabor

Admin Rep for District Advisory Kate Arch

SCC Rep Ron Zamir

Financial Aid Chair Trisha Burghardt

Parents: Jamie Dansie, Ron Zamir, Jessica Johnson, Kara Wheeler

Students: Lydia May, Vishal Jammulapati

Need to fill positions – student reps

Student 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Vishal Jammulapati, Wendy Chu's child (name?)

Student 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Anna Brown

Student 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Wendy Chu's daughter (name?), Anika Rao

Student 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep

Student 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep

Student 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Max Sutton

Need to define responsibilities of grade level Reps?

- **Budgets and transferring money**

West High ELP/IB Steering Committee Fund is housed at the Salt Lake Educational Foundation – almost \$22,000.

We have an endowment developed to support IB/AP testing.

SLEF will not take any fees out of our endowment until we reach a total of \$300,000.

SLC School Board is now paying for AP/IB Tests for Free/Reduced Lunch students

Other families who don't qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch can still apply to this committee to get scholarship funding for AP/IB testing

Endowment will insure that West High students will always be able to pay for their tests, regardless of various governmental decisions about paying for testing.

My School Fees – line items where families can donate money for testing

\$4,076 in donations will probably be used to cover deficits in AP/IB testing from last Spring

With SLEF, cannot ask for specific \$\$ amount donation, but can put out a fundraising goal.

- Welcome packet for ELPers

Small group 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELP orientation starts next week – testing, school tours, etc. Having a Q&A with ELP parents, counselor and administrator.

Committee voted “Yes” to doing welcome packets for incoming ELPers

Who gets a vote on the committee? Who votes on budget? On officers?

Required to have two meetings per year. Anyone in the school community can come to the meetings, anyone at the meeting has a vote. Only one vote per Board position (so 2 joint parent grade-level committee members only get one vote)

- Q and A with Administrators/Coordinators
  - Rationale of A Block/B Block – exception for AP/IB

Quarter 1 – just 4 classes, 85 minutes long

- Length of AP and IB Courses -- resources and support, potential tutoring solutions

Need parent partnership more than ever to help kids prepare for testing

IB courses – there will a reduction in testing content so there will be less content covered in class

Teachers doing a “bridge” course through Canvas to keep students engaged during the “off” quarter

Looking at possible tutoring groups/study sessions

Teachers have requested some textbooks to supplement what they already have. Kelly reached out to textbook and technology committee – possibly may need funds for extra materials from this committee.

Students who do supplementary assignments won't count toward grades, but can still be reflected in enriching student achievement

AP is going to continue their YouTube channel which will offer extra resources for AP classes (from AP College Board teachers)

- Driver's Ed – and what does it look like

Driver's Ed is happening. Several measures in place to enhance safety – temp check for students/teachers, PPE, symptoms check-ins. Plan to offer Driver's Ed, but things could change as community spread shifts.

- Update the Online Calendars

Online Calendars – teachers will have to put assignments and expectations on Canvas. Administrators working to get West High website calendar up to date.

- Grading for courses – double weight for AP/IB

4 Classes at once, Quarter one equals 1 Semester. Students will get 1 “A” but they will be double the weight for GPA.

Classes: 85 minutes continuous Zoom class – teacher will be live for that segment, but not always lecturing actively during that time.

Expectation that there will be some access to teachers in the evening hours.

Wednesdays will be planning day, office hours for teachers; “work day” for students (not online with classes)

Most of IB/AP classes will be on A schedule, a few on B schedule (because they couldn’t make it work otherwise).

Will IB/AP students be passed just because things are messed up, or will it be a truly deserved diploma? IB is listening to schools and stepping up to meet needs. At West, kids felt supported through AP/IB this spring, and there is faith in the school’s ability to give students a great experience in IB.

- Request for AP US Government
- Next Steps
  - Immediate ways to help
- Next Meeting

