

General Membership Meeting

June 10, 2005, 9:30 AM
Held at IHS Library

Call to Order & Introductions

Mary Lou Pauly called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. 19 members signed in.

Recognition of Board Members

Mary Lou and Nancy thanked the members of the board for making this such a successful year and making the presidents' job so easy. They presented each board volunteer with a thank you note and an IHS PTSA pen.

Secretary's Report

Deborah Parsons is filling in for Sue Jacobson. The minutes for the May 13 meeting were sent out by e-mail. Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lou presented the financial report. We have \$24,996 balance on hand. Filed for audit.

President's Report

Acknowledgements

Nancy passed around some thank-you letters from students.

The IHS Student Team, sponsored by the PTSA, came second place to the *Issaquah Press* team, in the Chamber of Commerce Spelling Bee.

Council Report – Nancy Campi

We still need a chair for the Reflections program. "I wonder why..." is the theme for next year. We need to get this going even before registration days. There were 17,000 entries in the state, 204 from Issaquah, 27 made it to state. One from IHS, Kailey Tollefson, made it all the way to the National competition.

The bond and levy information is on the district website. Please give them feedback. Rebuilding IHS is a big part of the bond.

There was a request for summer school scholarship funds. Tuition for one student is \$275.

The district is evaluating reboundary plans for the new Highlands elementary. The next public meeting will be on June 13, 7 pm at Clark.

Skyline is looking for a new principal. They will probably get an interim principal to serve for a year.

Tiger Mt. PTSA has always struggled with finding enough members and volunteers. They will meet on June 22, at 5:30 to dissolve the PTA. If you are a member, please come so they will have a quorum. If you have ideas about how the IHS PTSA can help at Tiger, contact Nancy or Mary Lou.

Check the parent education link on the district website. Many seminars have already been scheduled, including a seminar on middle school math in August.

Thursday, August 25 is the Region 2 fall training.

Principal's Report

Paula Phelps is busy with presentations to each senior class. This class "exhibits great character." They're also finishing up the senior honors and awards presentations. Last night was the ROTC awards.

Paula expressed appreciation for all the support she has received from staff and parents, and our "terrific children."

Senior finals start next week.

They are still trying to get the schedules out by next week.

Several theater and orchestra students were nominated for awards by the Fifth Avenue Theater. It's a huge event in Seattle.

In the newspaper: Lauren Dascenzo was awarded Athlete of the Year. Dominique Owens was presented with the Most Inspirational Athlete award. Two ROTC students from IHS received national scholarships.

There were 50% fewer drug and alcohol referrals across all Issaquah high schools this year. They are meeting with Lakeside Milam to discuss why this may be. Paula is concerned that this may reflect a higher use of methamphetamines; those are harder to detect.

The statistics on the SOS posters (e.g., 1 in 12 IHS students have attempted suicide) are from the Healthy Youth Survey. Paula is encouraging the SOS to also add "so what can we do about it..." information in the future.

Paula sent home letters to parents describing the final exam schedules. They will still send the underclass kids home early on the traditional "paper toss" day to help break the tradition. This will be Monday, June 13. Finals are done one hour before the end of school on June 22. If students are done early they may leave or go to the Commons to sign yearbooks. There are no classes on June 23. Kids can come to school to find out their grades. They don't have to be there. There won't be attendance taken.

Most bathrooms are still closed. This has been since the last bomb threat was found in the bathroom; most bathrooms are too hard to monitor.

There is a new release of the Grade Book software in August. If there are no unexpected problems, we are planning to go live with Family Access at the beginning of the year. They are planning to give parents the access info at Back to School night in September.

DAT

The next DAT meeting is June 21 to finish discussing the Healthy Youth Survey and the Learning Improvement Calendar. They are looking for volunteers, including a central-secondary rep.

Staff Report

Susan Graham and Shannon Ellis were not here. No report.

Site Council Report

Nancy Campi will be the Site Council rep next year.

Legislation Report

Deborah Parsons had nothing to report. A legislative chair is needed for next year.

VP Reports

Membership

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

Nothing to report.

Volunteers

Susan Balkman is looking for volunteers for help with August registration. August 24, 25, 26.

Committee Reports

Fall Registration

See *volunteers* above.

Unfinished Business

Proposed Budget 2005-2006

The carry-forward has been adjusted to be more conservative. Freshmen who are designated as IHS-bound will still be contributing to our Pass-the-Hat, but that and membership have been adjusted down a little due to confusion.

The Booster Club has asked for help (\$2,000-5,000) to pay for staffing for training in the fitness room in the fall. This will be for *all* students.

We will likely make adjustments in the fall: VIS is currently only \$200 and should likely be \$1,500 or more.

Motion: Jiff Searing moves that we approve the budget as presented. Seconded. Carries unanimously

Election of Treasurer

Karen May, who was re-elected to the position of treasurer in May will be moving from the district.

Nancy presented the Nominating Committee report. They are nominating Diane McGee for the office of treasurer.

Election: Diane McGee is nominated. There were no further nominations from the floor. Vote. Diane was elected unanimously.

New Business

Audit Committee

Volunteers: Jiff Searing, Diane McGee, Danielle Tilden. Karen will let them know when.

Fall Planning Retreat – August 31

Wednesday evening, August 31. Discuss goals, Tiger Mt., budget adjustments, etc.

Echo Glen

Echo Glen is a district-supported school and currently has an extra-curricular art program, staffed by volunteers. They do glass mosaics and ceramics. They received a grant from ISF to purchase a kiln and supplies, but they need donated funds to pay the art teachers, a total of \$7,000. We will discuss this in September when we've seen how the Freshman Campus will affect our income.

Summer School Scholarships

We currently offer \$750 scholarships for IHS kids already.

Village Theater Fundraiser

Mary Lou will check with Julia Bamba of the ASB to see if they received this offer and are interested. See if she will be a guest speaker at September's PTA meeting to discuss fundraising.

Volunteer Vacancies

Mary Lou handed out a list of current chairs. Please contact her if you are interested in any of the vacant positions.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

This is the last meeting of the 2004-2005 school year. Our first 2005-2006 general membership meeting will be on September 9 in the Issaquah High School Library.

Deborah Parsons
Temporary PTSA Secretary