

## General Membership Meeting

January 6, 2006, 9:30 AM  
Held at IHS Library

### Call to Order & Introductions – Mary Lou Pauly

Mary Lou called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. 20 members signed in.

### Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons

#### Minutes from December

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the December 9, 2005 General Membership meeting. Accepted as presented.

### Treasurer's Report – Diane McGee

#### Financial Statement

Diane McGee presented the financial report for December. We made our donation of \$3,300 to the office to be allocated for teacher grants. Ending cash on hand \$54,513. Filed for audit.

### President's Report – Mary Lou Pauly

#### Acknowledgements

Thank you to:

- Diane McGee for taking the initiative to streamline the teacher grants.
- Susan Hegedus has been busy creating a new website, which will give us a lot more flexibility.

#### Housekeeping

None.

#### PTA Council Report

The Council meeting is next week. No report.

### Principal's Report – Paula Phelps

This is the first week back to school after the winter break. It's really quiet this week.

The language lab calendar has some staffing blanks to fill in as needed, depending on due dates, etc.

We will be adding one day at the end of the school year to make up for the snow day. The final schedule is up on the website. Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> will NOT be a half day. The 25<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> final; Thursday will be 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> period final and Friday will be their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period final.

Mike Deletis has an Attendance Appeals Committee where students have an opportunity to appeal their absences and tardies. Committee meets January 18, Feb 1, Feb 8, 7:30-9:15.

### Staff Report – Susan Graham

Counselors are calling in Juniors to do credit checks. They're hearing that the kids really enjoyed relaxing during the break.

For students who took the PSAT in October, there is a way to compile their results and predict how they will perform on an AP exam, or on the ACT.

Junior college planning nights: January 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Site Council Report – Nancy Campi

January 18<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. The meetings are open; anyone can come.

## **Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons**

The Legislative session begins Monday.

### Olympian Coalition

Three years ago, labor leaders in Issaquah, the Issaquah PTSA, and the Chamber of Commerce banded together to present a united agenda for education to be presented to the legislators. That organization has been building momentum and now the legislators are contacting them for advise on desired legislation.

### Focus Day

Deborah distributed a flyer and invited everyone to attend Focus Day in Olympia on January 26. If you are interested in attending, contact her for carpool and schedule information.

## **VP Reports**

### Membership

We need about 60 more members to get to 100% membership.

### Fundraising

No report.

### Volunteers

No report.

## **Committee Reports**

### Reflections

There were 6 entries from IHS. The District reception will be January 17. Nancy Campi requested that some volunteers could be there at 5:00 to help with setup.

### Senior Celebration

120 kids signed up. They were successful in making their fundraising for the January payment. On January 30<sup>th</sup> they will be calling parents. The price is now \$150.

### VIS Report – Deborah Parsons

- Postcards  
Members present addressed and sorted the postcards. They are ready to be mailed on January 11.
- Yard Signs  
Deborah brought some signs to the meeting, along with placement instructions if anyone wants to take some.
- GOTV Calls  
We will be making these calls from home on February 3, 4 and 6. We need about 10 volunteers.
- Honk and Wave  
We will be waving signs on the evening of February 6 and the morning of February 7. We need about 10 volunteers.

### Golden Acorn – Deed Chase

The deadline to submit nominations is February 17. About 3 volunteers are needed for the committee.

## **Unfinished Business**

### Pending Special Funding Requests – JoEllen Smith

We have approximately \$11,000 to allocate.

### PCFC Reader Board

\$1,375. This would be matched by the Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus (PCFC) ASB, the PCFC Building fund and the Skyline PTA.

There were too many questions. Nancy Campi will follow-up with them and ask about permits, type of sign (electronic?), location, etc.

**Motion: JoEllen Smith moves that we table this request until further research can be done and our questions can be answered. We will revisit it in May. Seconded. Motion carries.**

### Fitness Center – Velocity Program – Mike Deletis

\$3,600. Requesting PTA fund January, February, and June (3 months). The Booster club has their fundraiser in March and will be asked to fund the remaining months. Presented at last month's meeting. Mondays and Wednesdays after school, Velocity Sports would come in and "certify" kids in using the equipment. Includes non-athletes. There will be no cost to the students for now.

**Motion: JoEllen Smith moves that we fund two months, \$2400, for a pilot Issaquah High School Fitness Training Program. Seconded. Motion carries.**

### Math lab/WASL readiness

\$5,249. Three programs: Writing Lab, Math Lab (\$2,600), math WASL prep class (\$2,649). The remaining funds have been located elsewhere.

137 students are on math Student Learning Plans (SLP). There would be two sessions: 25 in each session. These are students who had trouble with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade WASL.

The Math Lab would be open to all students.

**Motion: Marianne Kersten moves that we fund \$2,600 for the Math Lab. Seconded. Motion carries.**

**Motion: Marianne Kersten moves that we fund up to \$2,649 for the Math WASL Prep class. Seconded. Motion carries.**

### Americana Pass-it-On Concert – Barbara Irish

Withdrawn.

### Research Books for European Studies – Chris Slife

\$150. The books will be available to all staff.

**Motion: JoEllen Smith moves that we approve \$150 for the Slife request for the purchase of European Studies books. Seconded. Motion carries.**

### Korean, Spanish and Chinese Literature Books in Translation – Bill Moken & Alex ?

\$200. To help the ESL students participate in the literature discussions.

**Motion: JoEllen moves that we approve \$200 to acquire Literature books in translation. Seconded. Motion carries.**

Jiff observed that we have "taken care of both the body and the mind today."

### Scholarship Committee

There are three volunteers so far, but all have senior students. Are there any other volunteers—prefer a parent of a junior or sophomore?

### Nominating Committee

Deborah Parsons volunteered.

Suggested: Sue Burke, Susan Balkman. Mary Lou will contact them. Get other names to Mary Lou.

Training is January 17, 1:00 – 2:30 pm at the ISD.

## **New Business**

### Website Changeover – Susan Hegedus

Check out the new beta site: <http://hegedus.dotnetssl.com>.

Our current site is part of the school website. Susan sends updates in Word format once a month. The new site would be completely separate.

#### Advantages:

- the ability to update at any time, flexibility with even timing
- we could control the look
- we could include surveys that we were unable to post last year

#### Disadvantages:

- requirement of technical skills to maintain
- the cost for the domain name and the hosting—estimate \$125-150 annually

For now, we still won't include legislative material, since the school will link to the site, and we're not clear on the exact guidelines for this.

Susan can host it until the end of this year for no cost. We do need to register the domain name. \$100.

**Motion: Mary Lou asked for agreement to go forward with our own website.  
Unanimous.**

## **Guest Speaker – Paula Phelps and Marsh Fritz**

### Dr. Marsh Fritz, ISD Director of Assessments

Marsha listed the tests that are given in the Issaquah School District.

You should have received your student's State Student Identifier (SSID) number. This number is used to track test scores. The numbers are also available on Family Access.

Beginning with this year's Seniors, the WASL scores will go on the student's transcript. If the student takes the test multiple times, always the highest score is listed. In addition, the "Scholar" designation, recording if the student receives a 4 the first time they take the WASL, will be recorded for the class of 2008 (Sophomores) and beyond.

WASL vs WAAS (Washington Alternative Assessment System): a student can take the WASL, without accommodations, or with accommodations (a scribe to assist with a disability), or with wider access (ADHD accommodations—breaks from sitting still during the test); the WAAS is for students who can not take the WASL, as specified in their IEP. Students passing the WAAS or WASL with accommodations, will receive a Certificate of Individual Achievement (CIA) instead of a Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA).

In order to meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act, there is a cap on how many students can take each alternative.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:10 pm.

The next Issaquah High School PTSA general membership meeting will be on February 3 at 9:30 AM in the Issaquah High School Library.

Deborah Parsons  
PTSA Secretary