

## General Membership Meeting

February 3, 2006, 9:30 AM  
Held at IHS Library

### **Call to Order & Introductions – Marianne Kersten for Jiff Searing**

Marianne called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. 22 members signed in.

### **Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons**

#### Minutes from January

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the January 6, 2006 General Membership meeting. Accepted as presented.

### **Treasurer's Report – Diane McGee**

#### Financial Statement

Diane McGee presented the financial report for January. Senior Celebration had a large payment this month. Ending cash on hand \$45,640. Filed for audit.

#### In Kind Donation Form

Anyone donating non-cash to the PTSA needs to turn in an in-kind form. The form is available on the website.

### **President's Report – Marianne Kersten for Jiff Searing**

#### Acknowledgements

Thank you to:

Danielle for her work on the SAT and ACT;

Sue Burke and JoEllen for gathering all the information for the special funding requests;

Deborah Parsons for her work on the bond/levy campaign.

#### Housekeeping – Susan Hegedus

New website procedures: our part of the website is now separate from the school's. The plan is to update it every week on Mondays. Send items to Susan anytime and she will put them in the next update.

#### PTSA E-mail distribution

Sometimes people are confused who to reply to when Deborah sends out announcements by email. The reason we do this is to make it easier to keep the list up to date. Deborah will try to make it more clear who the messages are from.

#### PTA Council Report

Deborah Parsons represented the IHS PTSA at the Council meeting in January.

There were so many Reflections entries, that the space is getting cramped.

Much of what the Council is talking about revolves around the WASL. Someone from the OSPI came to a joint meeting with the School Board last Monday evening to talk about the WASL. Only about 10% of the 9<sup>th</sup> graders are taking the WASL early. Curriculum will continue during that time.

The Council program next week will be around the WASL topic.

### **Principal's Report – Paula Phelps**

We are waiting for the exact WASL schedules, but they will be similar to last year. Testing March 13-16 and April 18-21. On Wednesdays, there will be early release instead of late start. The schedule will be up on the website as soon as it is confirmed.

For students who did not pass the 7<sup>th</sup> grade math WASL, letters are being sent out to students' parents, inviting the students to the after-school math WASL prep class. There are about 65 students identified to start with.

The GLE's are continuously checked against the curriculum to assure that our classes are teaching the kids what they are expected to know.

PE Waivers: historically students were required to take 4 years of social studies and students taking both a foreign language, and band could get a waiver for PE. This is no longer the case. Students are required to get 1.5 credits PE plus .5 credits Health. Athletics can count for .5 credit of PE. Check the "Graduation Requirements" on the Issaquah School District website.

Drug use perception: Is drug use on the campus increasing? We think it's more that we are catching more and more kids. We can not do this without the support of parents. Parents should notify the school if they have suspicions, and parents should not respond defensively if the school calls them. Paula passed out some IHS procedures for drug and alcohol offences. Students need to know our expectations, and that dogs may be checking the parking lot and lockers. Parents can send procedure ideas and suggestions to Nancy Campi (DAT), or Paula. We will talk more about it next month.

## **Staff Report – Shannon Ellis**

Registration will be next week. All of the forms will be in the packet. Freshmen Campus will be visited on Monday. Sophomore classes on Tuesday. Junior classes on Wednesday.

February 9, 7 pm. High School Planning night, for current 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Covering graduation requirements, course planning, some college entrance information, running start, NEVAC.

March 1<sup>st</sup> at PCFC will be the class for the incoming freshmen.

Running start information meetings: Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at lunch time.

Juniors should sign up for the SAT as soon as possible.

Final grades will be entered in by next Wednesday.

## **Site Council Report – Nancy Campi**

Send e-mails to Nancy or attend the meetings if you need anything to be discussed.

Remind everyone of the upcoming booster night, March 11 at the barn.

Liberty Challenge Day: a student reported on the program's effectiveness. This is a diversity program. Would this be appropriate for IHS? A committee was formed to look into it further.

Next month they will probably be talking about drug-sniffing dogs, etc., as discussed by Paula.

Detailed minutes are available on the website.

## **Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons**

### Focus Day

20 people attended Focus Day last week from Issaquah. 200 from across the state. Deborah did not attend.

### Washington Learns/Olympian Coalition

Last year, the legislature voted to study the definition and funding of basic education. The governor formed three committees: early learning, K-12, and higher education. Last week, Deborah attended a meeting of the K-12 committee with the Olympian Coalition. It was pretty interesting! Currently they are working on which model they will use to measure a successful school.

She also visited with Senator Brian Weinstein along with the Coalition, to share their common legislative agenda for education.

Marianne discussed the funding grandfathering issue that Issaquah faces, that we were hoping the Washington Learns committee will look more into.

Paula reported on the pilot study for two alternatives for proficiency on the WASL at IHS:

1. The GPA option would be a formula, using GPA in particular classes combined with WASL scores, to determine if a student met proficiency on the WASL. Details are not currently determined.
2. The Collection of Evidence (COE) option would involve students showing, through specific work samples, that they are at standard level for the WASL. They may be a poor test taker, had extenuating circumstances, etc. on the day of the test and therefore did poorly. The idea is that the work samples would represent the same rigor as is tested on the WASL.

These are before the legislature for enactment next year.

## **VP Reports**

### Membership

Nothing to report.

### Fundraising

Nothing to report.

### Volunteers – Susan Balkman

They need some volunteers for the registration.

Tolo will be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Scholarship

The Scholarship forms are available on the website.

## **Committee Reports**

### SAT/ACT Readiness

The ACT was last weekend; about 40-50 kids.

The early session of the SAT/ACT readiness class is full. The later class still has openings.

### VIS Report – Deborah Parsons

We are down to the last 4 days! Be sure to vote, both sides of the ballot, and remind your friends and neighbors.

Deborah has distributed call sheets to volunteers who will make “Get Out the Vote” calls over the weekend: Ann Bongiani, Lynnie Laks, Sue Jacobson, and Sue Burke.

Deborah passed around a sign-up sheet for Honk and Wave: Monday 5-7 PM and Tuesday morning 6-8 AM at the corner of Front Street and Gilman.

There will be an election watch party at Blakely Hall on Tuesday evening.

### Quarterly Student Awards

The next date is March 2. They need volunteers to help with set up at 6:30 in the morning. Paula will be reminding teachers to nominate kids. Priscilla Gossman and Nancy Campi volunteered to help.

### Senior Celebration Update

About 140 kids signed up so far; they are planning for 200. They had a phone-calling session to remind parents of Senior Spirit Week, and the Senior Breakfast. They still have openings for advertisements in the yearbook.

They are looking for small gifts and donations from businesses.

They will have a fundraiser: swing and dance lessons, March 4 and 25. Pre-Tolo. For all students.

### Awards

Deed brought forms for Outstanding Educator and Golden Acorn nominations. The deadline is Friday, February 17.

Past winners:

#### **Golden Acorn:**

05 – Linda Frye, Jiff Searing  
04 – Nancy Campi, Katie Richardson  
03 – Jan Bennett, Lorry Primrose  
02 – Pam Gow, Karen Eaves, Tina Richards  
01 – Heidi Evanger, Janey Pinneo, Pam Ratcliffe,  
Lynne Saunders, Jan Woldseth

#### **Outstanding Educator:**

05 – Robert Payseno, Jim Flynn, Josh Moore and  
Richard DeMarco  
04 – Mike Gallagher  
03 – Lavonne Watson and Tom Haff  
02 – Jeff Berka (returned it) and Paul Johnson  
01 – Paula Phelps and Ken Rudd

## Unfinished Business

### Pending Special Funding Requests

#### **PCFC Reader Board – Nancy Campi**

Dana Bailey, principal of the Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus talked about the reasoning. They want a lighted sign, which would help mark the school, and hopefully slow traffic down. Also, 9<sup>th</sup> graders don't tell parents what is happening, and also to emphasis athletic events.

One difference with this request is that this would be for the PCFC PTA committee, rather than grants.

**Danielle Tilden moves that we fund \$1,500 for this. Nancy Kamitsuka seconded. Motion carries.**

Discussion: even when parents don't drive their kids to school, they see the signs of what is going on around the district.

### Nominating Committee

The nominating committee volunteers: Deborah Parsons, Nancy Campi and Sue Burke. Turn in nominations for President, Vice Presidents (Fundraising, Membership, Volunteers, Freshman Campus), Secretary, Treasurer.

## New Business

### Office Depot Copying Discounts

Office Depot is offering discounts on copying for 3 cents per copy.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:05 AM.

## Guest Speaker – PCFC Principal Dana Bailey

Dana reported on their "SUPER" goal: Safety, Unity, Preparedness, Excellence, Relationships. The unity piece is to prevent Skyline vs Issaquah squabbles; graceful wins, graceful losses.

The gym was finished last week so they will now be able to host games. This will help both high schools.

All classes are at 29 students and under. Some are at 26 - 27 kids per class. They expect to add 80-85 kids next year, making the population 1,000.

One challenge is building school pride and traditions with students who only attend for one year.

The after-school library grant from ISF allows them to open up the library for 30-50 kids every day, for a safe place to hang out or study.

There are 6 shuttle busses after school to the high schools for sports.

School GPA for the first quarter was 3.15.

The students are struggling with the adjustment to the new science curriculum, but they are working it out.

Articulation meetings with Skyline and Issaquah to bridge the literature classes.

27 teachers are new to Issaquah. Some are pleasantly surprised at the attendance and participation by the kids.

Participation in clubs is currently low, but as the teachers adjust to the new school, these should grow.

## Next Meeting

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

Deborah Parsons  
PTSA Secretary