

General Membership Meeting

February 2, 2007, 9:30 AM
Held at the IHS Library

Call to Order – Marianne Kersten

Marianne called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. 18 members were present and signed in.

President's Report – Marianne Kersten

Acknowledgements

- Audit Committee – Susan Hegedus, Lise Place and JoEllen Smith
- Reflections – Lori Primrose and Wendy Romanow
Brandon Pomeroy from PCFC's video film entry is going on to state

PTA Council Report

The meeting was small due to the change of date and location because of the snow days.

Reviewed the state PTA awards. Deadline is March 1.

Bargaining began yesterday.

Superintendent search closed yesterday. The search firm will be bringing 10-12 of the applicants forward to the school board on Feb. 15.

School Board Report

Suzanne Weaver, former Council President was elected to fill Mark Warner's vacant position on the school board.

There has been a lot of discussion of the changed conditions affecting the need for a 5th middle school or a conversion of the Freshman Campus. Feb. 13th Public hearing; next night will be a decision. Marianne will attend, and re-present our IHS PTSA position.

Principal's Meeting Report

Discussed whether the current final exams will cover less material appropriate to this year with the shorter time, due to snow days.

Rob McKenna's assembly/presentation will be postponed to 2008.

National and State PTA Resources

Marianne printed off several articles on cell phone use, nutrition, etc.

PTA and the Law reference materials are available on the State PTA website, as well.

State PTA Board Election Nominations:

- President: Laura Bay
- Vice President: Bonnie Kayla and Scott Allen
- Legislative Director: Paul Cheek
- Membership Director: Dori Tate

John Stokes and Martha Rice will be running for President, from the floor

Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons

January Meeting Minutes

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the January 5, 2007 General Membership meeting.
Accepted as presented.

Thank You Notes – Correspondence

Passed around:

- "Our Children" and "Child Advocate" magazines
- PTA Video games brochure

- Bronze award
- Scholarship thank you letter from Jordan Jackson
- LEV Citizen's Report Card on Education

Treasurer's Report – Marianne Kersten for Diane McGee

January Financial Report

Cash on hand: \$47,004. Net income: \$1571. Total income included \$8,165 from SAT Readiness, \$440 from Senior Celebrations and \$289 from Albertsons. Expenses included \$6,053 for Senior Celebrations and \$1,012 for the WASL Prep classes we approved last month.

Report filed for audit.

New Business

Audit Committee Report – Susan Hegedus

The audit went fine. The only discrepancies were deposits that occur at the end of the month. There is conflicting advice from the State PTA office on whether the deposit is recorded on the date received, or on the date deposited (which may be the next day).

Reminder: always make sure two people count any money, and have both sign off on the count.

Recommend that Diane back up all computer files every 3 months and send a copy to the secretary.

Unfinished Business

Security Cameras & Emergency Prep

About \$1600 that we granted to the school a couple of years ago still remains. Marianne has initiated the process to bring that money back to our treasury. Then we can re-grant it for a new purpose, such as the security cameras.

The bid to bring all cameras online is \$6400.

Neil is going through our emergency medical supplies to check the status and sufficiency. Eastside Fire and Rescue will provide training for 12 people. We have about \$1500 from the \$5 fee we collect at registration.

Nominating Committee Update – Pam Ratcliffe, Margie Gerrity, Camie Callahan

Camie reported that the committee has met once and will be calling current executive committee members for job descriptions and recommendations.

Margie Gerrity listed the 7 positions they are seeking to fill:

- President
- Vice President – Freshmen Campus
- Vice President – Fundraising
- Vice President – Membership
- Vice President – Volunteers
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Principal's Report – Paula Phelps

The kids are taking finals this week.

The new calendar has been sent out by the District – reflecting the snow make-up days. Curriculum will be delivered on the days that were formally scheduled breaks. There will be a lot of substitute teachers during those times, as well. Bellevue and Issaquah alternated making it up during Spring Break and February break, allowing for some extra substitutes to be available from the other district.

The state allows one day waiver due to the wind storm. The kids need to make up the hours, still. They may be making that up on the WASL days.

In addition to cancelling the assembly from Rob McKenna, another Link event that was going to take up a day

A social studies teacher is leaving mid-year; a new one has been hired. A math teacher is out on maternity leave, in addition to the one that passed away. The one they were hiring has changed his

mind. They are in the process of hiring another one. Some of this requires teachers to shuffle around to math classes they fit better.

Kids get their schedule information next week. Parent night is Feb. 7. Register for classes week of Feb. 13th.

The School Board meeting on Feb. 13th. The principals from every building will be there to speak for the "Option C"—convert PCFC to a middle school and build the high schools to support 1800 kids. Paula requests that we come forward to re-iterate our same position.

The current budget from the Governor would cost us \$700,000 in cuts, because things like COLAs are only partly funded and the ISD has to back-fill.

What would you be willing to fund through Issaquah Schools Foundation?

Extra-curricular activities: We have an amazing music program. Our boys' choir is going on to State from the Solo and Ensemble competition. Tomorrow are the instrumental competitions. The one-acts are this weekend. Our girls' and boys' basketball teams are undefeated. Gymnastics and Wrestling are also doing amazing.

Paula will survey the students, beginning Monday, on PCFC perception data. PCFC also just surveyed their kids. Paula will share the results next month.

Tolo will be on March 31.

Staff Report – Susan Graham

Not present. No report.

Site Council Report – Jiff Searing

Not present. No report. There was no site council meeting.

Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons

Focus Day

February 15. Please plan to attend. There will be busses and carpools. Contact Deborah for more information. 6 people said they are going.

Legislation

Deborah reminded us that "Redefine Basic Education" is the number one priority of the State PTA this session.

VP Reports

Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus – Susan Hegedus

Last meeting was Jan. 17—same night as the School Board. Only had about 8 people. Dana spoke on plagiarism and consequences.

Next meeting Feb 14th at 10 am. Dana will be talking about testing.

Student recognition breakfast was Wednesday.

One of the goals for site council is to work on the safety issue of Issaquah-Pine Lake road. Susan will draft a letter to the King County Council.

Membership – Caryn Matusiefsky

No report.

Fundraising

Sue reported that they are sending out letters to everyone who contributed to pass-the-hat, and to everyone who didn't asking them to contribute. They are also adding notes and treats to the teacher boxes.

Volunteers – Susan Jacobson and Camie Callahan

Camie reported that they need volunteers to help staple the registration packets, today and Monday.

Committee Reports

Cultural Event

May 31st in the Commons. Asma is looking for some performers. Next year there will be events at the school before basketball games.

SAT Readiness – Zoomerang Survey – Danielle Tilden

We had 192 responses to our Zoomerang survey. There was some concern from the Career office about implications that they aren't offering enough. It may be more that they aren't promoting their services well enough. Next month, the Career Center will be the program after the meeting.

There are only about 8-10 spots left on the 5-7pm SAT class.

Navigating the College process – evening of April 25.

Golden Acorn – Lise Place

Please send nominations by February 16.

Others

Reminder, we have a 3 month subscription to Zoomerang, if any other committee needs that service.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 for the program. The next General Membership meeting will be held on March 2 at 9:30 am in the IHS Library.

Program – Steve Crawford, ISD Director of Capital Projects

Update on IHS. They surveyed the staff, etc. to find out what spaces are needed. Construction will begin in Spring 2008 and take about 2 years to complete. The biggest question still on the table is how big the school will be built—this is still being decided by the School Board. Attend the hearing on Feb. 13th. Steve reviewed the enrollment projection changes. The current projected peak is now 16,000, down from 17,200. Additionally, Steve reviewed the district budget cuts that will result from the Governor's proposed budget.

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