

## General Membership Meeting

April 6, 2007, 9:30 AM  
Held at the IHS Library

### Call to Order – Marianne Kersten

Marianne called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. 23 members were present with 22 signed in.

### President's Report – Marianne Kersten

#### Acknowledgements

- Nominating Committee – Pam, Margie, Camie
- Quarterly Student Honors – Joy McIlvane
- SAT Readiness – Danielle Tilden
- Newcomers – Margie Gerrity

#### PTA Council Report

Ed Marcoe, Principal at Tiger Mountain was a guest. We reserve funds for Tiger Mt. HS.

The Special Ed lawsuit wasn't ruled as we prefer; it may go to the State Supreme Court.

We have an 86% membership to student enrollment.

Council Executive Committee nominees:

- Co-President - Heather Gillette and Nancy Campi
- Secretary - Deborah Parsons
- Treasurer - Kim Weiss
- VP Elementary - North Ramona Lawrence
- VP Elementary - Central/South Pepsy Wirth
- VP Middle School - Deed Chase
- VP High School - Teresa Bretl

Upcoming parent ed events are on the Council website: [www.issaquahptsa.org/parented](http://www.issaquahptsa.org/parented)

Dean Mack will be retiring.

#### School Board Report – Superintendent Search

The School Board will be bringing 2 people in to meet the public on April 17 and 18.

#### Principal's Meeting Report

We have 2 nominations for Outstanding Educator. Those will be presented at the Staff Meeting on May 9.

The Pi Contest that we funded actually cost \$200. The Science WASL prep didn't have enough students sign up. The remaining funds will be returned to us: about \$1100.

The Issaquah Schools Foundation will be granting \$7,000 for the after-school program.

Marianne attended a staff meeting to remind them to put in their grant requests for their \$100 grants. The deadline is May 1.

Tardiness and cell-phone use is becoming a problem.

### Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons

#### March Meeting Minutes

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the March 6, 2007 General Membership meeting. Accepted as corrected: spelling of Corbit.

#### Thank You Notes – Correspondence

Passed around:

- Boater Safety Education law – new State law
- Folder of other miscellaneous mail

## Treasurer's Report –Diane McGee

### March Financial Report

In March we received a \$1600 refund from the school district for unspent 03-04 emergency prep supplies. Grant. There is also a \$1500 surplus in 04-06.

Most income was Senior Celebration. We collected an additional \$477 from the pass-the-hat mailing (as of today, this is now about \$700).

We have \$59,360 in the bank. \$56,700 is available. We have about \$9000-10000 more than our budgeted amounts, because of projections of some line items not being completely spent (Link, SAT prep costing less than projected, etc.)

Report filed for audit.

### Budget Report

Susan Hegedus, Marianne Kersten, Diane McGee will be meeting on April 17. Please e-mail projections of what your committee will cost next year.

## Unfinished Business

### Nominating Committee Final Report: Pam Ratcliffe, Margie Gerrity, Camie Callahan

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees:

- President—Marianne Kersten
- Secretary—Lori VanDeMark
- Treasurer—Susan Hegedus
- VP PCFC—Teresa Ducharme
- Co-VPs Fundraising—Beth Las; Barbara Rappoport
- Co-VPs Membership—Anne Moore, Deborah Parsons
- Co-VPs Volunteers— Camie Callahan; Jane Lee

Because Marianne cannot conduct her own re-election, Deborah Parsons presided over the election of the President.

**There were no further nominations and Marianne was elected.**

Deborah passed the gavel back to Marianne.

**Marylou Pauly moves that we approve the slate as a whole. Seconded. Motion carries.**

Marianne opened the floor for nomination for each office in sequence. There were no further nominations from the floor.

## New Business

### Election of 2007-2008 Officers

Election of 2007 Washington State PTA Convention Voting Delegates

Susan Hegedus moves that we elect Deborah, Parsons, Anne Moore and Marianne Kersten as voting delegates to the State PTA Convention. Seconded. Motion carries.

### ISF Postcards

The Issaquah Schools Foundation *Calling for Kids* phone-a-thon is targeting brand awareness this year. There will be 3 mailers. During last year's phone-a-thon they raised \$58,000 from only 700 donors. The goal this year is \$150,000 from at least 1,500 donors.

Each PTA is being asked to donate a postcard mailing to the membership.

We currently promote the ISF through our PTA e-news. We would want to include the entire school.

**Margie Gerrity moves that we do an ISF postcard mailing, not to exceed \$600, to all 1800 IHS households. Seconded. Motion carries.**

Margie suggests that we reinforce the message in all of our e-news as well.

Lise Place offered to take charge of this project.

## Funding Requests

- **Band Uniforms**

The Band has raised \$8,000 from the parents. The booster club matched an additional \$10,000. ASB is donating \$3000 per year for 3 years. The remaining balance after all fundraising is \$14,814. Requested donation: \$10,000. Would we consider donating \$1,000? If they raise the money now, they could have the uniforms for Fall.

- **Physics Project**

A student project to recover heat from waste water. He has requested donations from other companies. Requested amount: \$1,250.

- **Macbook Pros**

He could buy just one this year. Total requested \$5,017.63.

- **Security Cameras & Emergency Prep**

This is the recommendation for updating the emergency supplies. \$2,463 for the supplies.

This is also the security camera installation/hook-up that we were talking about over the last few meetings. The request for this part is \$7,083.68. Reduce by \$2,000 if we make an ISD deadline of 4/10. The cameras would be transferrable to the new school. Total request: \$7,547.14.

We have \$3,100 reserved for emergency supplies, including the refund from the District for unspent funds.

We have at least \$12,998, including the emergency amounts, all projected committee spending, less the 10% revenue that we should carry-over.

We could give \$1,000 for band, \$1,250 for Physics, half the Macbook purchase at 2,500, \$7,547.14 for the security cameras and emergency prep.

**Marylou Pauly moves that we approve the grant for emergency supplies and security cameras in the amount of \$7547.14. Seconded. This will require that IHS obtain the \$2,000 being offered by the District. Motion carries.**

**Anne Moore moves that we approve \$1,250 for the hot water physics project. Seconded. Motion carries.**

**Lise Place moves that we approve \$1,000 in support of the new band uniforms. Seconded. Motion carries.**

**Marylou Pauly moves that we approve ½ the Macbook grant in the amount of \$2,525. Seconded. We are requesting that he purchase “Apple Care” protection—Paula will look into whether that is needed or if the District will support the machines. We will consider the remainder of the grant at the end of the year. Motion carries.**

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

Paula thanked us for funding the successful after-school labs over the years—this will now be district-wide and has received an ISF grant.

Thank you for the quarterly student honors. The goal for the year is “a victory for every kid.” With that in mind, for the final awards in May there will probably be more recipients in May.

Many of the 10<sup>th</sup> graders believe that the WASL will not count for them, because of what the Legislature is working on. There are 8 bills about the Math WASL right now. Kids will be reminded to take it seriously. Paula anticipates that our scores will go down because of this.

Tardies, cell-phones, clothes. Once a phone is taken away the second time, the parent has to pick it up.

There were a few drug and alcohol suspensions from Tolo.

Expect your student’s schedule in the next couple of weeks.

The ability to take the online-health class has been reinstated. These are now run through the District.

The rebuild committee has been visiting new high schools in Oregon. Our parent reps are Marty Goodman and Mitch Tallman. We will have a performing arts center and a black-box theater—for teaching and rehearsal space. Tear-down will start next April.

### **Staff Report – Susan Graham**

Parents of seniors, please watch the tardies and absences especially closely. Some seniors haven't signed up for the health course yet.

It's been a tough year for staff – words of encouragement and support are welcome. 4 have lost parents, 2 are in chemo, 1 staff member died, 3 babies were born, one staff member had heart bypass. The kids did a memorial for Ms. Aspy.

### **Site Council Report –Jiff Searing**

There were two meetings last month. One discussion underway is the issue of two lunches versus one lunch. There are many advantages to one lunch, but supervision is difficult. Site council voted to go to two lunches. They selected the rebuild core team from 8 parents.

Cathy Foote asks us to welcome Lori England is a new receptionist.

We have a new football coach: Chris Bennett [*has since withdrawn his application*]

A new tennis shed is being built.

### **Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons**

#### Bill Update

Paula already reviewed some of the math and WASL bills that are being considered.

Simple Majority is very likely to pass; we will need to work hard to assure that the voters approve it in November.

### **VP Reports**

#### Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus –Susan Hegedus

April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting is at 7 pm.

Marianne and Kara will attend the May meeting to talk about HS PTAs, and the counselors will talk about depression.

#### Membership – Caryn Matusiefsky

We currently have 1,254 members.

#### Fundraising

We discussed the Pass-the-Hat during the Financial Report.

#### Volunteers – Susan Jacobson and Camie Callahan

Need help filing report cards in the career center. You need to be a substitute in the district to do this.

### **Committee Reports**

#### SAT Readiness Program – April 25<sup>th</sup> Event

Event on guiding students through the college process. More seniors need to apply for the PTA scholarships. The deadline is April 20.

#### Staff Appreciation Week

May 7-11.

#### Website

We have been good at letting Susan know what to add to the site, but we need to also let her know when she can remove it.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 for the program. The next General Membership meeting will be held on May 11 at 9:30 am in the Career Center.

## **Program – Mike Bernard, Issaquah Schools Foundation**

Mike presented an overview of ISF, and shared a list of about \$80,000 worth of grants that the IHS has received from the ISF.

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