

General Membership Meeting

May 11, 2007, 9:30 AM
Held at the IHS Career Center

Call to Order – Marianne Kersten

Marianne called the meeting to order at 9:37 am. 19 members signed in. Marianne passed some cards around for us to sign for Dean Mack and Dr. Janet Barry, who are both retiring at the end of this school year.

Outreach from Bellevue Community College – Trina Ballard

“First Year Experience” New program at BCC that will launch this Fall. Freshman in college are often overwhelmed with the difference from high school – drop out. Three days in September for freshmen to come in for orientation, sample class, etc.

President’s Report – Marianne Kersten

Convention Report

Marianne and Deborah Parsons attended, representing our PTA. Anne was unable to attend. Marianne reviewed election results and some classes she attended. Marianne reviewed all of the awards that our PTA won this year, including 100% membership, Communication and Newsletter awards, Gold Standard of Excellence, and the only Gold Honor Unit award in the State. We also received a national Unit Achievement Award.

Security Update – Neil Lasher

Neil has been working with us on reviewing our emergency supplies. Swedish will donate the medical supplies. He shared photos of what we purchased. There is still a little money left and we agreed he can continue to spend that on any remaining supplies needed.

Marianne, President’s Report (Continued)

Acknowledgements

- SAT Readiness – Danielle Tilden
- Staff Appreciation Week – Beth Las and Kathy Hedges
- Website – Susan Hegedus
- Scholarship – Suzanne Goodman and Tina Richards
\$2,000 budget; award 4 \$500 scholarships.
- Budget Committee – Diane McGee, Susan Hegedus and Marianne Kersten
- Awards – assembling our entries – Lise Place and Marianne Kersten

PTA Council Report

The Council Luncheon was yesterday. There is a new Council – Snoqualmie Valley.

School Board Report

Continued discussion about the School Board Ends Statements. The new Superintendent – Dr. Steve Rasmussen – will be visiting local units.

Principal’s Meeting Report

Next week, we will have an extra PTA meeting to talk about the school rebuild. May 15, 9:30 AM in the IHS Library.

Considering doing a “Dad” event next year to get more fathers involved in the school.

Outstanding Educator: Jeffrey Dineen, Cathy Foote, Paula Phelps.

Special Funding Request – Mrs. Sorensen

Teachers are looking for materials for the bio-technology curriculum. They currently borrow equipment from the Hutchinson to study DNA. They need to buy micro-pipettes. The cost is \$200-300 each. A classroom set costs approximately \$4546 (8 “P10” and 8 “P100” pipettes). Every 10th grader will use

these tools in their biology classes. They are considering adding an AP Biology class, using these tools as well.

Principal's Report – Paula Phelps

Cross-crediting equivalency – the classes that used to give credit for multiple requirements (ex., occ. ed., and fine arts) are being reviewed. This will go into effect in the 2008-09 school year. June 15 of this year is the first deadline for the equivalency paperwork.

Thank you for the Outstanding Educator award. Thank you to Marianne for the awards notebook – it felt good when all of the awards were announced yesterday. Thank you for all that you do for our staff: grants, staff appreciation week.

Encourage all of us to come to the special meeting next week about the rebuild. We're currently in "schematic design" (determining how much space is required), then "design development" (determining how things need to be laid out).

We are in the middle of AP testing. We are also doing AP audits, which assure that the AP courses are equivalent between schools.

They are currently working on the master schedule – planning which classes they will have next year, who will be teaching what, and the schedule.

The District is moving us ahead on Skyward – this will replace Basmati next year. Program allows us to monitor our kids' grades, etc. online.

Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons

April Meeting Minutes

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the April 6, 2007 General Membership meeting. Accepted as corrected: the coach that was hired (and then withdrew) was Chris Bennett.

Thank You Notes – Correspondence

Passed around:

- Thank you notes from staff for staff appreciation.
- Folder of other miscellaneous mail

Treasurer's Report – Diane McGee

April Financial Report

Pass-the-Hat money is still coming in. April is a big spending month as many committees are finishing up. We spent \$1600 on "dog tags" for the 3rd quarter student recognition. We have \$31,366 on hand. We are expecting approximately \$17,678.36 carry forward to next year.

Report filed for audit.

2007-08 Budget Adoption

We are continuing to spend down some extra, so the budget proposes \$1,260 deficit.

Motion: Susan Hegedus moves that we approved the proposed budget with the amendment: make line 87, Council Parent Ed fee, \$200. Seconded. Approved.

Unfinished Business

Funding Requests

- Macbook Pro – Josh Moore
Last month, we approved a portion of the request, and asked about adding "Apple Care" to maintain the equipment; $\$260.27 \times 2 = \520.54 . Including what we didn't fund for second laptop: new total \$3,013.27.
- Podcasting Grant – Josh Moore
Total grant \$2,499.25
- Spelling Bee
Total entry fee: \$500 to the Issaquah Food Bank

- Bio-tech Grant Request
For pipettes: \$4,546.00

Diane projected that if we fund all of the grants (except Biology), we would have \$3,859.75 excess carry forward if every committee spends all of their budget—which doesn't happen. Also, the 10% that we keep on hand is a recommendation, not a requirement. We are sure that there will be at least the \$700 unspent across the budget.

Motion: Deed Chase moves that we approve \$500 for the Spelling Bee. Seconded. Approved.

Linda Frye moves that we finish funding the MacBook Pro's for \$3,013.27. Seconded. Approved.

Jane Lee moves that we approve the \$4,546 for bio-tech pipettes. Seconded. Approved.

Linda Frye moves that we approve \$2,499.25 for the Podcasting equipment for Josh Moore. We will request that we have access to the equipment if we have a need. Seconded. Approved.

Next Year's Meeting Calendar

We will be moving our General Membership meetings to 2nd Fridays.

We will have an evening meeting, probably on October 11th.

Registration packets: week of July 30th.

June Meeting Info

Meeting on June 8 at 11 am will be at Deborah's house. Potluck. Mostly fun, little business.

New Business

Dr. Barry Retirement Party Contribution & Recognition

There will be a big evening on June 20 at Pickering Barn. Council is requesting contributions. Expected cost \$7500.

Motion: Lise Place moves that we donate \$100 to the Retirement Party, from the "miscellaneous" line item. Seconded. Approved.

VP Freshman Campus – Position Open

Our VP of PCFC, Teresa Ducharme has had to resign. Jody Mull has agreed to step up. We will vote on that election next month.

2007-08 Committee Chairs

Committee positions still needed for 07-08:

- Awards.
- Website: need someone to help with website—we have someone to do the technical part.
- ISF Liaison
- Tiger Mountain Liaison
- Student Recognition

Staff Report – Susan Graham

Thank you for the Staff Appreciation events. Mr. Merritt has a new baby boy. Univ. of Wa Comp Sci and Engineering dept has recognized Tom Haff as the teacher of the year.

Site Council Report –Jiff Searing

Booster Club is also reporting largest membership. Will be charging for gymnastics and soccer clubs next year.

12th grade parent reported on the issue of parents hosting parties. Remind parents to review “Parents, Teens and the Law”.

Vending machines now have healthy food.

Discussing whether to go to two lunches next year.

Electronic devices: are the guidelines too lenient? Should cell phones, iPods, etc. be banned?

Melanie Bonanno did a presentation on the pros and cons of Running Start.

Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons

Simple Majority

Deborah reviewed the pros and cons of passing the Simple Majority.

Motion: Lise Place moves that we endorse Simple Majority for the November election. Seconded. Carries.

We currently have \$200 in the “Legislative committee” line item. We will donate that to the campaign.

VP Reports

Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus –Susan Hegedus

Also currently doing Staff Appreciation week.

Last meeting, May 16 at 10 am. Marianne will be there to talk about IHS, and the Counselors will speak about Teen Depression.

Volunteers – Susan Jacobson and Camie Callahan

AP Proctoring is all set. Need volunteers for the End of the Year staff luncheon.

Cultural Exchange Night

Scheduled for May 31st 5 – 8:30 pm. Please attend and support.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 for the program. The next General Membership meeting will be held on June 8 at 11 am at the home of Deborah Parsons – 4126 187th Avenue SE, Issaquah.

Program – Jon Osterberg, Pemco Insurance: Teen Driving Facts & Figures

Handouts are available on <http://pemco.com> website.

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