

## General Membership Meeting

October 6, 2006, 9:30 AM  
Held at the IHS Library

### Call to Order – Marianne Kersten

Marianne called the meeting to order at 10:02 after a fire drill delay. 30 members were present and 26 signed in.

Marianne distributed a card to sign for the Balkman family.

### President's Report – Marianne Kersten

#### Acknowledgements

- Caryn Matusiefsky – entering all of our members into the State website
- Deborah Parsons – sent out our first e-mailed newsletter and corrected some of the bounce-back e-mail addresses
- Camie Callahan – entered in all of the volunteer data
- Danielle Tilden – working hard on the SAT readiness

#### PTA Council Report

Our first council meeting was on September 14.

Discussed the big things on the calendar for this year: Superintendent replacement by March, with a transition period extending into July; boundary review process and the decisions of whether to build another elementary and/or middle school; bargaining with the IEA from January through August; and the continued discussion of school revenue.

Superintendent Barry spoke about the current issues and she intends to remain very involved. Had to make 1.2M in budget cuts this year, mostly in transportation. More cuts coming unless some magical solution comes out of Olympia. Eliminated asst. principals in the K-5 schools and substitute principals and custodians, and eliminated some teacher training. Bussing between the high schools and the PCFC has been reduced.

#### Training – PTA & the Law

October 17, Issaquah, 10-noon.

October 26, 6:30 – 9:45 pm at Mercer Island HS.

Let Deborah know if you would like to attend.

#### Future Program Topics

Kelly Munn, ed funding.

### Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons

#### September Meeting Minutes

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the September 8, 2006 General Membership meeting. Accepted as presented.

#### Thank You Notes – Correspondence

Passed around:

- Where's the Math flyer
- Our Children Magazine
- Child Advocate Magazine
- Region 2 Handprints Newsletter

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

### September Financial Report

Total income \$17,849, mostly from the SAT readiness class \$13,760. Pass the Hat is at \$21,565, budgeted to receive \$19,000. Total net income: \$12,735. \$72,000 on hand.

Report filed for audit.

The bank statement was not yet available from the bank. It will be circulated next month for review.

## **New Business**

### Budget Revisions – Diane and Susan

We would like to add \$500 for Membership Mailings, and \$200 for the Multicultural event. We would also like to increase our Special Funding budget by \$4500. We have enough in our excess carryover and our Pass-the-Hat is over budget.

Last year there was \$250 budgeted for the PCFC staff grants which didn't get spent. The band wanted to have that, so we are suggesting that this year's PCFC staff grants be increased by \$250 so they can spend that.

**Diane moves that we increase the budget expenses:**

- **Membership Mailings: \$500**
- **Multicultural Event: \$200**
- **Special Funding Requests: change from \$7,500 to \$12,000**
- **PCFC Staff Grants: change from \$1,000 to \$1,250.**

**Seconded. Voice vote. Motion carries**

### Special Funding Requests – Sue, Jill and Paula

After-School enrichment Labs:

- **Writing** – Every Tuesday and Thursday -- \$2,000  
Help kids with any writing assignments, including Senior essay.
- **Math** – Every Tuesday and Thursday -- \$2,600  
Help kids with any math assignments.

They were very effective last year. We'll be moving them to the Library. Staffed by teachers.

- **WASL Math** – For the six weeks leading up to WASL -- \$2,349

For the kids in the high to mid-"2" scoring range. The class we pretty successful last year.

**Pam Ratcliffe moves that we accept all three of the funding requests as they are, totaling \$6,949. Seconded.**

**Nancy Campi moves that we amend the writing class to \$2,600. Seconded.  
Voice vote. Amendment carries.**

**Original motion as amended: voice vote. Motion carries.**

## **Unfinished Business**

### Special Funding Requests – Science Department

There was a request by Linda Sorenson last year for some containers. That request seems to have been dropped.

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

The e-news now has about 1,000 people signed up.

Thank you for all of your help during registration. We are looking for feedback on how things went. We estimate about 2% of the number of schedule changes we've had in past years.

The transition with the sophomores from PCFC has been smooth. The incoming sophomores seemed pleasantly surprised at how easy it went.

We have not had one referral for behavior. Our drug and alcohol referrals are up, though. This is partly due to diligence on the part of the staff.

IHS did really well in WASL. Reading went from 90.9% to 95.8%; Math went from 70.5% to 81.8%; Writing went from 87.5% to 94.9%.

Important emphasis in HS:

1. Graduation requirements (WASL, Culminating project, etc.). Pass money can only be spent on kids who have failed the WASL. Science: preparing kids for the WASL science, which becomes a requirement in 2010. This comes from the building fund.
2. Preparing the kids to go out into the world, be competitive, know what they want to do. "High Schools that Work".

Basmati information gets posted on Oct. 11.

The senior class has been really welcoming and friendly to the other students.

Homecoming is in a couple of weeks. We don't encourage opulence.

Our FTE is 1,222 kids. Last report: 1,215.

Kids will have a class on "academic integrity" in about a month. Not just cheating, but "who you are as a person."

Keep your ears open for colleges changing how they look at the Senior year (cruisers) or the AP classes.

### **Program by ASB Advisor Rich Butler**

Rich handed out some gold and purple necklaces.

He distributed a calendar of ASB activities

Homecoming: The theme this year is "A World of Pure Imagination" (Willy Wonka)

Kick off assembly 10/20 at 1:30

Activities every day: lunch activity, dressing theme, giveaways, movie night, improv, lip-synch, battle of the bands.

Friday 10/27 is the game.

Dance is 10/28. Tickets will be \$15 (ASB), \$18 (non-ASB) and \$20 (non-IHS-student). Kids who help out can earn a free ticket.

There are sub-committees for each activity: elections, publicity, tailgate

Other committees:

- Diversity (in January), Kathy Kii
- Health – Jason Diluly (?)
- Liaisons with the PCFC and the sophomore leaders
- Clubs
- Community Relations
- New Student
- Communications

Need an ASB website.

### **Staff Report – Susan Graham**

One of the smoothest starts ever.

Getting parents to access, use, and read the website is working!

Curriculum night was early this year. They also did a Senior Presentation Night beforehand. There were over 300 people in attendance.

PSAT: Oct. 21. Ordered 350 tests. This will be the biggest number ever done. Most who take it as a Junior are taking it as a practice for the college entrance in the Spring. It is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. It is the closest test to what the SAT actually will be, except for the writing part.

The district has been going through a re-look at the issue of 504 (Learning disability, such as ADD), getting closer to aligning ourselves to where we should be. The teachers will need to play a more active role with students who have a 504 plan.

Pride in how the staff and students have come forward to work with the Balkman family and help Chandler. Students will help with class notes.

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

Julie Bamba is looking for parent reps for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The first meeting is 10/18 at 2:40 pm in the IHS library.

## **Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons**

### Legislative Assembly Issues Survey

Deborah has received about 10 surveys so far. The priorities so far are: k-12 funding, simple majority, WA State tax system, Math/Science, funding inequities, and student support services.

Who do we go to for questions about text books, or to request the books be updated? The principal or the Superintendent would control that. Bring it up at Site Council.

### Region 2 Roundtable

November 14 at Interlake HS.

## **VP Reports**

### Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus – Susan Hegedus

The directory is going to the printer tomorrow. Reflections is getting up and running. Principal Dana Bailey, Kris Jarvis and Susan will meet in November to distribute staff grants. There are about 40 staff members.

Next meeting will be Oct 18 at 10:00 am. The November meeting will be Nov 15 at 7 pm. Kelly Munn will come do a presentation on education funding.

### Membership – Caryn Matusiefsky

We have reached 100% membership! We have 1,222 members. We have 37 staff members.

### Fundraising – Jill Lester and Sue Burke

We would like to acknowledge the people who have contributed to Pass-the-Hat and invite other people to contribute. We can do this with our new \$500 mailing budget.

### Volunteers – Susan Jacobson

We are getting Homecoming and PSAT volunteers.

## **Committee Reports**

### Reflections – Lorry Primrose

The theme this year is "My Favorite Place". The deadline for entries is November 17.

### ISF Liaison – Pam Ratcliffe

We have 3 open slots at our ISF luncheon table. Please contact Pam. The suggested donation is \$100.

The luncheon is on October 19. There will be a Silent Auction as well.

### SAT Pre/Mock PSAT – Danielle Tilden

The Fall sessions filled up immediately. People on the waiting list will take the class in Spring.

230 students took the mock exam, compared to 80 last year.

The registration forms for the Spring session are on the website already. They will give priority to Juniors.

### Multi-Cultural Event – Asma Ahmed

We need a committee of at least 4-5 people to help with organizing. She has 10 people signed up to volunteer from registration. She will also be working with the ASB on this project, so the kids can do a lot of the decorating, etc.

She will contact the staff members through Rich Butler, to find out what credit the kids can get from their social studies classes for participating.

She will also work with Rich to set up a date.

### Parent Educations – Lynn/Caryn/Carol

Carol reported that they met with representatives from all of the different schools. There is an extensive list of upcoming parent events on the website.

Carol distributed a list of ideas for people to comment on and a list of potential speakers, to determine what programs we should bring.

It was suggested that she add a survey to the website for what programs people would like to see.

### Tiger Mountain High

Mary Lou reported that each high school will be asked for \$200, which is \$50 more than we currently have in the budget.

## **Other Announcements**

### PTSA E-News

We will be trying to send out an electronic update by e-mail every month, about a week before the PTSA meeting.

### Superintendent Coffee

Oct 24 at 8 am

November 20 at 12:30 pm.

### Salmon Days

There will be a fundraising dunk-tank for Chandler Balkman

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at noon. The next General Membership meeting will be held on November 3 at 9:30 am in the IHS Library.