

Issaquah High School PTSA, Unit 2.6.45

General Membership Meeting

November 3, 2006, 9:30 AM

Held at the IHS Library

Call to Order – Marianne Kersten

Marianne called the meeting to order at 9:35. 15 members were present and signed in.

President's Report – Marianne Kersten

Acknowledgements

- Lori Anderson and Caryn Matusiefsky – Fantastic job with the directories
- Pam Ratcliffe – arranging the ISF Luncheon IHS table

PTA Council Report

Every month the PTSA Council leaders meet with Superintendent Janet Barry. Larry Ishmael left the school board and was replaced by Brian Deagle last month. This week, Mark Warner stepped down, so another school board position will open up. The Superintendent search process is underway; last month Ray and Associates took input from the community.

The District is looking for options to solve the middle school overcrowding problem—community input meetings last night, and next Monday. One option would include expediting and expanding the IHS remodel.

There is a K-5 math adoption underway. The district is looking for input on the math curriculum.

Initiative 920 to repeal the estate tax: Washington State PTA has taken a position opposing the initiative.

Principal's Meeting Report

Planning to put a link on the IHS website to the "College Resource Handbook".

It's a goal to get 100% of the teachers to join the PTA.

Exploring whether to move the PSAT to within the school day for all 11th graders. The students no longer take the Stanford test here.

We don't currently have someone on the PTSA board to help staff with ISF grant-writing. Sue Burke will come to the next staff meeting and offer to help.

Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons

October Meeting Minutes

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the October 6, 2006 General Membership meeting. The deadline for Reflections is November 17th. Under the PCFC report, there are 40 staff members. Accepted as corrected.

Thank You Notes – Correspondence

Passed around:

- Scholarship thank you from Fiona Smith
- Summer school \$200 donation thank you from Jan Leonard
- Focus, Key Communicator, Our Children magazines

Treasurer's Report – Diane McGee

October Financial Report

The major source of income was the Senior Celebration and we paid the teachers for the SAT classes. We paid the \$7500 special funding requests we approved last month. The Directories were about \$600 over budget, because we had higher membership.

Cash on hand \$51,846.

Diane is working on the tax return. Insurance was paid yesterday; it's Due November 10.

Report filed for audit.

The September bank statement was circulated for review and attached to the Minutes from October.

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

New Business

PTA & the Law

Conflict of Interest agreements: there is a form to fill out if you have a business that may do business with the PTA.

College Applications Process Support Program

We will do an automated Zoomerang survey asking parents what they think would be helpful to know. There will be a program in the Spring addressing these needs and reviewing the process, targeted to current Sophomore and Junior parents. Danielle Tilden is heading this up.

February Student Assembly

State Attorney General Rob McKenna will visit on February 9 and will do 2 assemblies for the students.

Unfinished Business

None.

Principal's Report – Paula Phelps

Paula expressed appreciation for the good relationship we have between the PTA and the Principal.

Homecoming week went really well. An amazing number of kids attended the dance (almost 900), including enormous numbers from Skyline.

Paula wants to start offering "coffee with the principal" meetings. Watch for news. She also wants to start a monthly "breakfast club" where kids can come in and talk with her about anything.

Paula attended the State Board of Education last month to discuss the "collection of evidence" for students who have failed the WASL twice. There is a lot of controversy surrounding this alternative. It is being adopted, but still needs a lot of work to define. Last year IHS did a pilot on this.

Paula has a major goal of revamping communications. She's reviewing websites. She's asking us to please look around at other websites, e-news, etc. and send her feedback on what we would like to see in ours.

Safety at IHS – Dawn Wallace

Dawn Wallace is in charge of how the WASL is taken. We were visited by OSPI during the test. She is also responsible for technology. She also heads up the safety committee.

Dawn presented some of the safety procedures we have at IHS. Check the District website for information on what parents should do in case of a school emergency. Don't phone or come to the campus.

Marianne said we have a restricted fund of \$1500 for emergency supplies. Beth Las will tour the storage with Dawn to check the supplies for adequacy, condition and expiration dates. We collect \$5 with the membership in the freshmen year to provide supplies for all 4 years. Skyline collects every year.

Staff Report – Susan Graham

No report.

Site Council Report – Jiff Searing

Our IHS website didn't have a live link to the PTSA site. It does now.

The biology textbooks are out of date. The director of education is looking into it.

We're still looking for 9th grade and 10th grade reps and a secretary for Site Council.

The Booster Club is starting up a fitness club. This will be self-sustaining.

We have 98.5 (FTE) kids taking Running Start. Skyline has 107. This does cost us some funding from the State.

Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons

Legislative Assembly Report

Priorities for the 2007 Legislative Session:

1. K-12 Education Funding
2. Math/Science
3. Simple Majority
4. Reduce Class Size
5. Recess

Region 2 Roundtable

November 14 at Interlake HS. 6 pm, Ed Funding presentation; 7 pm meet with legislators.

VP Reports

Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus – Susan Hegedus

Principal Dana Bailey, Kris Jarvis and Susan met last Friday to approved some (\$2,000) staff grants: calculators, language readers, audio books, jazz band music, and funds for a Shakespeare play.

Their emergency supplies shed was built as an Eagle Scout project. They will be buying supplies and updating materials. We have \$1,250 set aside in the IHS budget for that. Last month the PCFC Site Council set some goals, including improving safety along the Issaquah-Fall City road.

Membership – Caryn Matusiefsky

We have 1,232 members. We will be pushing for 100% membership from staff. We are officially at 100% membership.

Fundraising – Jill Lester and Sue Burke

We received \$548 from the Issaquah Press (we expected \$150).

Volunteers – Susan Jacobson

We had 8 volunteers helping with the PSAT, and 18 helping chaperone the dance. We provide refreshments at the monthly staff meetings: this requires about 18 volunteers—there has been an excellent response with 49 people signed up to help.

Committee Reports

Parent Educations – Lynnne/Caryn/Carol

We have about \$500 to bring in a speaker.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am for the program. The next General Membership meeting will be held on December 1 at 9:30 am in the IHS Library.

Program on Education Funding and Washington Learns by Kelly Munn