

Issaquah High PTSA, Unit 2.6.45
March 14, 2008
Issaquah High School Library
Proper notice was given to all members – quorum present

General Membership Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome: President Marianne Kersten called meeting to order at 9:37 am.

- Marianne introduced Carolyn McNicoll, Boundary Review Liaison for IHS (425-391-9697, mcnicoll1@comcast.net) who will be giving monthly updates at our meetings. This newly formed group, aided by an outside facilitator, will attempt to minimize transitions and splitting of neighborhoods or schools. A map with overlapping films is on display at the District Admin. Bldg. and will be updated during the process. At this time, it appears that the attendance area for IHS will stay much the same. Grandfathering at all levels is likely to be eliminated. Opportunity for public comment will be May 22 at IHS during an open house. Information can also be found on the District web site. The committee's next meeting is March 19 at IVE and is open to the public.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Lori VanDeMark presented Feb. 8, 2008 minutes for review. Approved as written.

- Correspondence was passed around the room.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Hegedus explained that the estimated excess carry-forward at the bottom of page four has been revised, now taking into account the initial budget deficit.

- Approximately \$1,000 has been received from the recent "Pass the Hat" mailing and from additional memberships. \$800, unused from the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program, will be available this year.
- Susan asked for volunteers to serve on the Budget Committee, which will meet 1-2 times after spring break to develop next year's budget. Anne Moore and Marianne Kersten volunteered to join Susan. The incoming President is also encouraged to participate.

President's Report:

- **Acknowledgements:** Marianne thanked the following volunteers:

- Lacey Leigh for preparing award submittals and work with Golden Acorn/Outstanding Advocate Awards. Outstanding Educator nominations are now being accepted (nomination form available on the PTSA web site).
- Caryn Cissna, Lynn Laks, and Carol Leake for the March 4th Parent Ed seminar at IHS. Although sparsely attended due to scheduling conflicts, the Ken Wong course was very much enjoyed by those in attendance. Handouts can be found on the PTSA web site. Principle Paula Phelps praised the presentation and added that another recent Parent Ed program by the "Science and Management of Addictions Foundation" (SAMA) provided worthwhile information about the brain and addictions. Our PTSA may try to schedule a SAMA presentation at a future meeting.

- **Principal Meeting:** Ms. Phelps suggested that wireless laptop carts be purchased to function as portable wireless hubs for computers during the rebuild in order to maximize use of all classrooms. This would lead to additional wireless capability in the new school, along with keeping the ability to be hard-wired. The ARUBA wireless system is being investigated. Funding is expected through the District, although PTSA may be approached to help if necessary.
- Ms. Phelps suggested our PTSA contact the Clark PTA about sharing space for meetings and storage.
- Rebuild issues: In coming weeks, Ms. Phelps will visit students in Language Arts classes to discuss the rebuild, gather input, and answer questions. A current plan is for PE and lunch to be housed in portables at the IHS-end of Clark's playfield, along with possible temporary parking, all to be fenced in order to maintain a cohesive IHS boundary. Also proposed was a "split schedule" idea, which would have some students beginning and ending earlier, thereby opening up more classroom space. Buses would not change. This would most likely appeal to seniors, would be voluntary, and occur depending on interest. Nancy Campi suggested more students remain on campus during lunches in future with the option of eating in classrooms if teachers approve. Ms. Phelps noted that many teachers already allow this, but it is solely their choice. It has been rumored that a large number of students are choosing "Running Start" to avoid campus during the rebuild. The registration forms received do not support this. Ms. Phelps will discuss with students the pros and cons of choosing Running Start.
- Over 500 AP exams will be given to students this year. It is challenging to find space for exams during school hours.
- Ms. Phelps acknowledged Lise Place and Karen Corbitt for their help with the Issaquah Robotics Society, which just earned the region's most prestigious award. As a result of their presentation, the State Legislature has included \$150,000 in next year's budget to support robotics in high schools across the state.
- Semester grades were a week late due to trouble with Skyward.

New Business:

- **Special Funding Requests:** Discussion followed regarding several requests recently received:

1. Josh Moore, History Teacher, requests \$4,401.97 to purchase one MacBook Pro with Final Cut Express, Apple Care Service Package and case, Canon Vixia HF10 camcorder, tripod, and wireless microphone system. The equipment would be used to capture oral histories; write, record, and produce pod casts; produce monthly video updates focusing on the school rebuild and construction history; and produce a monthly PTSA video newsletter.
2. Amy McGinnis, English Teacher, requests \$336.94 for 65 copies of *The Odyssey* for use in 10th grade Advanced English classes.
3. Science/Chemistry Teachers Linda Sorenson, Jay Radmer, and Jeff Dineen request \$1,959.83 for the repair and purchase of technology probes.
4. Elaine Armstrong, Science/AP Biology Teacher requests \$4,241 to cover half the cost of eight spectrometers, with ISD paying for the other half.
5. Not yet received - the IHS Administration plans to request funding for after-school science labs.
6. Bill Morse, Guided Study/SAIL Teacher requests \$250 to purchase "News Currents" curriculum.

Our PTSA currently has approx. \$8,500 to spend on special funding requests. Marianne suggested tabling #4 until fall.

• **Deed Chase made a motion to approve the purchase of the MacBook Pro with Final Cut Express, Apple Care Service Package and case, Canon Vixia HF10 camcorder, tripod and wireless microphone system for up to \$4,402. Seconded, passed.**

• **Anne Moore moved to purchase the 65 copies of *The Odyssey* for up to \$340. Seconded. Discussion followed as to whether students should purchase their own copies, as is often the case, or if hard copies might be a wiser purchase. Deed Chase amended the motion to table pending more information. Seconded, passed.**

• **Pam Ratcliffe made a motion to approve the request for repair and purchase of science/chemistry technology probes for up to \$1,960. Seconded, passed.**

• **Catherine Krueger made a motion to purchase the "News Currents" curriculum to the amount of \$250. Seconded, passed.**

Items #4 and 5 above will be considered in next year's budget and determined at the 1st PTSA mtg of the school year.

Council Meeting:

- A secondary Language Arts survey is available to take on the District web site.
- Bus drivers have ratified their contract; EA's are still negotiating.
- The number of students who have not passed the WASL in our District is very small.
- Construction of IHS will be on a guaranteed maximum price basis; Skyline will be put to bid.
- Dr. Rasmussen spoke at the Council meeting:
 - He noted that, as public money is not sufficient for what is desired for our schools, ISF and PTSA help is needed to fill in the gaps.
 - He plans to set up coffees with the community.
 - The goals of 100% graduation for students and getting kids to reach their best individual capabilities have been established.
- There is a defibrillator on campus near the ASB office in the Commons. It was suggested that access be closer to sports fields.
- Our membership is now at 1,330.

Legislation Report: Deborah Parsons announced that session ended yesterday.

- The Basic Education Funding Task Force will meet in Olympia on Mar. 24.
- The State Board of Education has published the second draft of their math standards document, which is now available online. The SBE will meet in Renton on Mar. 26-27.
- A Council resolution is going forth to establish that a required 3rd year of math look like Algebra II or be a career in technical education class meeting the level of Algebra II.
- Our PTSA is allowed 7 voting delegates at the upcoming State PTA Convention, May 2-4, SeaTac Marriott. We are budgeted to send 4. **Susan Hegedus moved to send Marianne Kersten, Anne Moore, and Deborah Parsons as the voting delegates for IH PTSA. Seconded, passed.** There is opening for one more delegate to go.
- The Region 2 Spring Conference will take place March 15 at Mt. Si HS. Our school is registered. Any member wishing to attend is welcome to simply show up, sign in under IH PTSA, and attend classes.

Unfinished Business:

- **Nominating committee:** Nancy Campi, noting that the slate is still unofficial, announced the following nominations: Secretary – Lori VanDeMark; Treasurer – Susan Hegedus; VP Freshman Campus – Lise Place; Co-VPs Fundraising – Barbara Rappoport, Sharon Kay; Co-VPs Membership – Anne Moore, Dianne Bugge; Co-VPs Volunteers – Jane Lee, Lisa Gaan. Jody Mull has agreed to serve as Co-President. Anyone with a suggested nomination for Co-President is asked to contact Nancy, Deed Chase, or Jane Lee. The official slate will be sent via e-mail and voted on in April

- Golden Acorn Awards, chosen by the committee of Lacey Leigh, Nancy Campi, Lise Place, and Lori VanDeMark, were presented to Jody Mull, Anne Moore, Jane Lee and Camie Callahan. Deborah Parsons was presented the Outstanding Advocate Award. A new plaque will be needed for the OA Award, as this is the first given by our PTSA.

Meeting adjourned 11:22 am

Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order: President Marianne Kersten called meeting to order at 11:22 am.

Site Council: Lise Place reported that parent representatives from our District are forming a Graduation Requirement Committee.

Meeting adjourned 11:23 am

Following the business meeting, Jan Woldseth, Director - District #1, ISD School Board, spoke and answered questions.

Prepared by Lori VanDeMark
Secretary, IH PTSA 2.6.45