

Issaquah High PTSA, Unit 2.6.45
April 18, 2008
Issaquah High School Career Center
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 9:33 am, introducing Carolyn McNicoll, who presented a Boundary Review Committee update. No boundaries will change for high schools. She noted that discussions have been respectful, positive, and good progress has been made. Two more meetings, open to the public, will be held before the open house. Those with questions can contact their school's representative, found on the committee roster on the District web site. The next meeting is April 30, 6 pm, District Admin. Bldg.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Lori VanDeMark presented March 14, 2008 minutes for review. Approved as written.

- Correspondence was passed around the room.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Hegedus presented the March Financial Report, noting that the estimated cash carryforward to 2008-09 is \$10,807.12. (see March report)

- No allocated funds were used for Assessment Testing Refreshments because Target donated the full amount.
- Taking into account a bill yet to be received from SAT Readiness, approximately \$10,000 is left to spend.
- Susan has asked for input from all committees regarding budget needs for next year. Please respond by Wednesday, as the Budget Committee will be meeting next Thursday.
- Marianne added that the second Financial Review needs to be complete by July 21. Jan West and Deborah Parsons are on the Financial Review committee. Daniela Colter volunteered to join them.

President's Report:

- **Acknowledgements:** Marianne thanked the following volunteers:
 - Lacey Leigh for preparing many award submittals and for work with Outstanding Educator awards, which will be presented to recipients at the May Staff Meeting. Lacey would like an Awards Co-chair for next year.
 - Jane Lee and Camie Callahan for coordinating WASL testing snacks. This duty will become a separate ad-hoc committee next year.
 - Pam Ratcliffe for Senior Events.
 - Margie Gerrity for Staff Meeting Refreshments.
- **Principal Meeting:** The PTSA meeting site/storage during rebuild will be Rm. A-4. Meetings will be held at 9:45 am.
- **Council Report:** The District is working to compress math education to enable more students to complete algebra by the end of 8th grade and to reach precalculus, calculus levels and beyond. The math graduation requirement will increase to 3 years. Stanford, WASL, and online assessments tools will be used for placement in addition to parent requests. High school math offerings will need to change to accommodate this acceleration.
 - Most points have been agreed upon in the EA bargaining process. One unresolved issue remains.
 - A Graduation Requirement Committee has been formed. Marianne will find out who our representative is.
 - Superintendent Rasmussen has scheduled coffees with the public (see dates on April meeting agenda).
 - Election of State PTA Officers will take place at the State PTA Convention May 2-4.
 - Bill Williams has been appointed new Executive Director of Washington State PTA.
 - Pomegranate Center, known for partnering to create public gathering spaces, has expressed interest in working with PTSA and the School District to do something at IHS in conjunction with the rebuild.

Legislation Report: Deborah Parsons announced that session has ended and that the Basic Education Task Force will finish at the end of December.

- She invited members to attend the League of Education Voters Foundation Town Hall Meeting, April 28, 7-8:30 pm at the Seattle Public Library.
- Deborah explained the Washington State Math Resolution, endorsed by Issaquah Council PTSA. The resolution can be viewed at http://www.issaquahptsa.org/legislation/math_resolution.htm
- **Deborah Parsons moved to support the adoption of the Math Resolution as presented. Seconded, passed.** Deborah will pass our endorsement on to the appropriate parties.

New Business:

- **Election of 2008-09 Officers:** **The Nominating Committee of Nancy Campi, Jane Lee, and Deed Chase have provided the following slate of nominated officers, which President Marianne Kersten presented. Marianne opened the floor to any further nominations. None were given. The slate was elected as a whole:**

Office of Co-President - Jody Mull and Deed Chase
Office of Vice President Freshman Campus - Lise Place
Office of Co-Vice President Fundraising - Barbara Rappoport and Sharon Kay
Office of Co-Vice President Membership - Anne Moore and Dianne Bugge
Office of Co-Vice President Volunteers - Jane Lee and Lisa Gaan
Office of Secretary - Lori VanDeMark
Office of Treasurer – Susan Hegedus

- 2008-09 Committee Chairs: Marianne thanked this year's committee chairs for responding to her request for interest in positions next year. A meeting will be scheduled for current and next year's officers to fill any open positions.
- The June meeting will be mostly social. Deborah Parsons offered to host at her home.

Unfinished Business:

- The College Board field representative has yet to respond as to whether more local testing sites will be added.
- Previously Tabled Special Funding Requests:
 1. Amy McGinnis, English Teacher, requested \$336.94 for 65 copies of *The Odyssey* for use in 10th grade Advanced English classes. **Jane Lee made a motion to fund 65 copies of *The Odyssey* and associated protective shelf paper to \$400. Seconded, passed.**
 2. Elaine Armstrong, Science/AP Biology Teacher requested \$4,241 to cover half the cost of eight spectrometers, with ISD paying for the other half. **Anne Moore moved to fund the purchase of spectrometers to the amount of \$4,241.00. Seconded, passed.**
- Nancy Campi announced that Issaquah Council suggests PTAs consider contributing to a needs-based summer school session tuition fund. PTA contributions make a significant impact on how many kids are able to go. Additional potential funds requests include paying the fee for the local spelling bee, teacher needs arising due to the rebuild, and a Pomegranate Center project. Principal Paula Phelps will ask teachers for input so that we may consider how best to use remaining funds at the May meeting.
- Additional dates: May 2 – Artwalk; May 11-16 - Art Education Week.

Meeting adjourned 10:26 am

Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order: President Marianne Kersten called meeting to order at 10:26 am.

Principal's Report: Ms. Phelps noted that WASL week is progressing smoothly and thanked PTSA for help.

- A new counselor has been hired, as Susan Graham is retiring; a new, highly qualified math teacher has also been hired. It can be difficult to find qualified math teachers, particularly with changing math standards and requirements.
- Rebuild: Ms. Phelps has a map showing room locations on campus during the process. She has visited students and received feedback, noting that they are resilient and positive. Their #1 concern seems to be parking. 15 – 20 courses may be offered at 0 and 7th periods next year, depending on interest.
- Schedules will be received for review the first week of June. No changes will be made to schedules in the summer.
- A "Farewell to the Old Building" celebration is planned May 29, 7 pm in the gym. No need to sign up to attend.
- All are invited to attend the ASB Auction on April 22, 6 pm in the Commons.
- There will be opportunity this spring for 9th graders to visit the IHS campus in the evening to learn about activities.
- Camie Callahan asked if alumni are allowed to chaperone dances. This is allowed if they are 21 or older.
- Back to Business days may go online, with ASB photos taken the first day of school, as most other schools do.
- The date for the class of 2009 graduation cannot be known until the Mariner's Schedule is determined. This is a common problem with large sports arenas. A future change of venue may be considered.

Staff Report: Susan Graham noted that PSAT testing in Oct. will likely occur in classrooms with teachers as proctors.

- During the recent Learning Improvement Day, she noted that it was "the most wonderful thing in the world" to see staff brainstorming and working so well together across departments, in preparation for the rebuild. She added that the experience has been a uniting factor. Two surplus sales will be held at IHS, to be publicized by the District and in *The Issaquah Press*.

VP Reports:

- ISF: Jody Mull reported that \$30,000 in grants has been awarded to IHS. Deborah Parsons noted that \$160,000 was raised during the "Calling for Kids" campaign. She encouraged members to go to the ISF web site to take a brief survey. Jody added that the IHS students did a great job as callers.
- Senior Events: Camie Callahan would like feedback from anyone 25 years old or younger as to what they did and didn't like about their senior celebration. E-mail Camie at camiekanga@comcast.net.
- PCFC: A benefit concert, "Loose Change to Loosen Chains", will be held May 2, 7 pm at IHS.

Meeting adjourned 11:08 am

Program: SAMA presentation on the *Science and Management of Addiction* and our teens.

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Secretary, IH PTSA 2.6.45