

Issaquah High PTSA, Unit 2.6.45
May 9, 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 9:35 am, introducing Carolyn McNicoll, Boundary Review Committee Liaison. Carolyn congratulated the IH PTSA for recent awards received at the State PTA Convention. There will be a Boundary Open House at IHS, May 22, 6-7:30 pm. Significant progress has been made, with no middle or high school boundaries changed. One elementary, Sunny Hills, will be evenly split between two middle schools. Liberty High School has requested to reexamine boundaries to ensure equitability, something the District will need to address. Those interested in better understanding this issue may attend Liberty's Open House, May 20 at 6 pm.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Lori VanDeMark presented April 18, 2008 minutes for review. Approved as written.

- Correspondence was passed around the room.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Hegedus presented the April Financial Report, noting that the available balance is approx. \$27,000. After subtracting known upcoming expenses, excess funds should be approx. \$7,000. (See April Financial report)

- Susan passed spreadsheets outlining use of teachers' \$100 grants, of which \$3,841.56 of the allocated \$4,000 has been spent. Another spreadsheet explained where the allocated \$750 student scholarship money is used.

Senior Events: Chair Pam Ratcliffe reported that approx. 260 students will attend the Senior Trip. Fees need to be paid in full and release of liability forms turned in before bus signups next week. The trip has received approx. \$3,000 in-kind donations. Jane Lee asked for parent volunteers to chaperone this fun trip, June 12-13 from 10 pm to 6 am. IH PTSA will purchase an additional insurance rider for the event.

President's Report:

- **Acknowledgements:** Marianne thanked the following volunteers:
 - Tina Weber, Lisa Gaan for Staff Appreciation
 - Jane Lee, Deed Chase, Nancy Campi for Nominating Committee
 - Anne Moore, Susan Hegedus, Jody Mull, Deed Chase for Budget Committee (Marianne also participated)
 - Committees in need of chairs next year: SAT Prep, Staff Luncheons, Student Recognition, ISF Liaison.
- **Principal Meeting:** Plans are underway to re-run the seminar – "How to Help Your Student Succeed in High School and Beyond" at IHS on Sept. 23. Curriculum night will be Sept. 16.
 - It is as of yet unknown if registration this summer will occur in person or online.
 - Space for a "Commons" has been determined near the back of the campus next year.
- **Council Report:** The Annual Luncheon took place yesterday.
 - Liberty HS will switch to a 6-period day from an 8-period block schedule in Fall of '09.
 - The School Board is working on the Continuous Improvement Plan.
 - Legislators will talk with School Board on May 14 about funding, which is experiencing additional challenges.
 - Friends of Youth "Challenge Days" will be held in August.
 - Superintendent Dr. Rasmussen has planned an event on Aug 27 where teachers will board a school bus bound for PCFC where they will review goals, meet with business community, and enjoy a BBQ and band.
- **State Convention:** Officers were elected at the State level and a math resolution, similar to the one our PTSA endorsed, was brought forward and passed.
 - IH PTSA was presented the following awards: **100% Membership** (2nd year), **Unit Achievement Award** (National Level), **Honor Unit** (Silver), **Standards of Excellence** (Silver), and the top award, **Outstanding Local Unit of the Year**. Marianne passed around the certificates and plaques and thanked members and past leaders for their contributions to PTSA at IHS. The group thanked Marianne for her leadership and dedication. Nancy Campi added that Marianne and Deborah Parsons were both named **2008 Leadership Academy Crystal Level Honorees**.
 - Attorney General Rob McKenna was given the Friend of Children Award and Kelly Munn was presented the State PTA's Outstanding Advocate Award for her work with Simple Majority.

Legislation Report: Deborah Parsons announced that Legislative Assembly will be Oct. 3-4 at the SeaTac Marriot.

- Focus Day will be Feb. 26.

- High School graduation requirements and math and science standards will be discussed May 14-15 at the State Board of Education Meetings.
- Data presented at the League of Education Voters Town Hall Meeting supports the notion that students who are challenged will rise to meet it. The power point presentation is available at Educationvoters.org.

New Business:

- **2008-09 Proposed Budget:** Treasurer Susan Hegedus reviewed the proposed budget. (see IH PTSA Budget 2008-09). **Jody Mull made a motion to approve the budget as amended, increasing item 6000-21 (Science Lab) to \$3600 and item 6000-08 (Parent Education) to \$800. Seconded, passed.**
- **Standing Rules:** Lori VanDeMark presented the following proposed changes: #6 – increase individual membership fee to \$15 and reword to keep family membership at \$22; #10 – Remove Drug and Alcohol Awareness from Standing Committee status; add Senior Events Liaison as a Standing Committee. **Nancy Campi moved to approve Standing Rules as presented. Seconded. Deborah Parsons moved to amend the motion, increasing Staff Membership fees at Issaquah High School and Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus and Supporting Membership all to \$10. Amendment seconded, passed. Standing Rules approved as amended.**
- **Special Funding Requests:** Science Teacher Elaine Armstrong has notified PTSA that special funds previously granted would not be entirely needed, due to cost savings. There was some confusion as to which request this refers to and how much will be in excess. The Science Department requests that unused funds be put toward purchase of an ice maker for labs at a cost of \$1,054.75, thought to be an amount similar to the savings from the previous request. **Lise Place moved to approve reallocation of funds between Science Department requests, provided no additional funds are needed. Seconded, passed.**
- Music Teacher Barbara Irish requests \$1,918.25 to purchase an update for the music notation program *Sibelius 5*. **Deed Chase moved to approve the purchase of the *Sibelius 5* upgrade to \$1,920.00. Seconded, passed.**

Unfinished Business:

- Contact was made by the College Board at the District level. All three high school principals are interested in hosting a SAT test site somewhere in our District, or nearby on the Eastside.
 - **Previously Tabled Special Funding Requests:**
 1. Summer school tuition scholarship donations would cost PTSA \$150 per student. Full cost is \$300 per student with the District paying for half. **Jody Mull moved to sponsor 3 students at a total cost of \$450. Seconded, passed.**
 2. Spelling Bee: ASB participates by raising entry money toward this fundraiser which donates to the Issaquah Food Bank. **Anne Moore moved to approve \$400 toward the fee for the Spelling Bee/Issaquah Food Bank Fundraiser. Seconded, passed.**
- Meeting adjourned 11:11 am**

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Staff Report: Susan Graham reported that the Honors and Awards Banquet will be May 20.

- Senior issues:
 - Counselors will talk to students in Sr. English classes on May 21 about obtaining graduation tickets.
 - Caps and gowns can be picked up on May 29.
 - Graduation tickets can be picked up on June 5. All fines and detentions must be dealt with before that time.
 - Susan reminded parents to be aware of seniors' attendance requirements for graduation.
 - Seniors must turn in the Senior Exit Form along with any necessary envelope and (increased) postage.
 - Over 400 seniors will be graduating.
 - Approximately 1/3 to 1/2 attend Baccalaureate.
- Staff have greatly enjoyed Staff Appreciation Week.
- Marianne added that Outstanding Educator Awards will be presented at the May 14 Staff Meeting.
- Staff is working hard to prepare schedules before the end of the school year.

Principal's Report: Assistant Principal Julia Bamba thanked PTSA for the fun Staff Appreciation Week and congratulated IH PTSA for receiving many awards at the State Convention.

- The after-school science lab is going well. They would definitely like to see this continue next year.
- Geometry make-up classes have been held on Saturdays, allowing students to improve their first semester grade.
- It is rumored that seniors are planning "Senior Skip Day" the Monday following prom. Ms. Bamba cautions parents that this is a finals day. As it is highly unlikely that tests can be made-up, students skipping this day put their graduation at risk!

- The VOICE Mentor program currently has 7 volunteers at IHS mentoring 8 students. Trained volunteers meet with students approx. once per week through this ISF-funded program.
- A 16-student “Carpool Incentive Committee” has been formed to find solutions to limited parking during rebuild.

VP Reports:

- Site Council: Lise place announced that teacher Josh Moore will post pod casts of construction on the school web site during rebuild. Marianne added that he will also pod cast our May 19 Parent Ed event, *Navigating the College Search and Application Process: Finding the Fit...Thoughts & Ideas for Personalizing the College Search/Selection Process*, 7 pm, IHS Commons.
 - Deborah Parsons asked that the School reader board announce that the “Outstanding Local Unit Award” was presented to IH PTSA. Marianne Kersten and Deborah Parsons will represent the Washington State PTA membership at the National PTA Convention June 20-23 in San Diego, paid for by State PTA.
- PCFC: Jody Mull noted that the next PCFC PTSA meeting will be May 14. Staff Appreciation Week is next week.

Other:

The 5-member Scholarship Committee thanked IH PTSA for increasing scholarship contributions. Out of 30 applicants, 6 were each awarded \$500 scholarships. Review was conducted blind, using a scoring rubric. Awards and regrets will be sent out this Wednesday. Recipients will be announced in the e-news.

Meeting adjourned 11:36 am

Program/Speaker: Kim Hamilton, IHS Graduation Requirement Committee Representative.

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Secretary, IH PTSA 2.6.45