

General Membership Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome: Co-President Jody Mull called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

- Co-President Deed Chase displayed recent full page *Issaquah Press* coverage of IHS football. The current drama production, “Cinderella” is receiving positive reviews. Deed announced that the ASB’s “December Dash”, a 5K run to benefit the Issaquah Food Bank, is this Saturday morning, Dec. 13. She also drew attention to the “Hall Monitor” article in the *Issaquah Press* written by student Alex Severin.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Lori VanDeMark presented the Nov. 14, 2008 minutes for review. Accepted as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Susan Hegedus presented the November Financial Report. \$46,891 is the current balance, of which \$42,400 is available.

- A second “Pass the Hat” mailing is being planned, as revenue from the mailing should easily surpass cost.
- Regarding membership, Anne Moore plans to contact past members who may not realize that they have not yet joined this year. It was suggested that volunteers might contact these former members by phone. PTSA membership forms are available on the IH PTSA web site.
- A Financial Review Committee is being formed to be complete work in January. Jan West is heading the committee and needs two more volunteers. Anne Moore and Karen Starcevich volunteered.

Staff Report: Counselor Christy Deniston announced that a “High School Planning Night”, to aid students with registration and class choice, will be Feb. 5, 6:30-8 pm. The Counselors are currently working on Junior credit evaluations, which will be kept in the Counseling Center and used at registration. Copies may be had on request.

- The college application process for early admissions is winding down.
- Christy will confirm that graduation is June 9.
- Seniors are in the process of presenting exit interviews to community members. It was suggested that a better time to conduct the interviews might be in February, after college admissions and 1st semester finals. In addition, more parent volunteers might be available if the interviews were not held on the late start Wednesdays. These suggestions will be taken to the Career Center.

Acknowledgements: the following volunteers received thanks:

- Jill Lester for Quarterly Student Honors - approximately 150 parents were in attendance at the recent breakfast honoring 60 students.
- Wendy Logan for updating and maintaining the IH PTSA display case

Principal’s Meeting Report: Deed and Jody recently took lunch to Principal Paula Phelps for their meeting.

- Ms. Phelps is excited about the high school visioning project and working with the consultant facilitator.
- A Parent Ed program, “Parents Who Host the Most Lose the Most”, aims to discourage parents from providing alcohol to teens at parties. It is advocated by both Skyline and Liberty high schools and has the support of the Schools’ Resource Officers. This program would be explained at the course and panel discussion, “What Teens are Really Doing Today”, that will take place Feb. 2, at 7 pm. School Board Member Chad Magendanz confirmed that drug abuse is a large problem in our schools, particularly with prescription drugs. It was also noted that many students arrive at games intoxicated. Nancy Campi commented on the great job Chair Sue Jacobson is doing with Parent Ed.

Council Report: Deed announced that the IH PTSA was this month’s “Unit in the Spotlight”.

- The Boundary Review is complete and will take effect in 2010.
- January is “School Board Appreciation Month”.
- A new group from Liberty High School has been formed to promote issues of concern in the LHS community, including some remaining boundary issues.
- New PTAs will be formed for the new middle school and the 15th elementary school.
- IHS Rebuild: contractor bids are due Jan. 5, with bid opening Jan. 11.
- Bids received for the ramp toward the upper portables/Clark Elementary so far have been considered too high, as this cost comes from the rebuilding budget. New proposals are due today.
- Ground water and soil testing for lead is underway for the area near the shooting range.
- Brian Deagle has been elected new president of the School Board.

- Dr. Rasmussen praised students for sports and academics. He noted that 99.9% of families in the District are happy with the results of the Boundary Review. He added that future budget cuts would be difficult.
- The next levy will be in Jan. 2010. Deed will forward information as to how Council will support education funding.
- Traffic safety continues to be a concern near PCFC.
- The ISF grant process is underway. Applications for grants are due Feb 2. The “Calling for Kids” drive will be in the fall.
- According to Executive Director of Secondary Schools, Patrick Murphy, WiFi will be available in all high schools and may be called “ISD Connects”.

Nominating Committee: Additional volunteers were sought to aid Lise Place with this committee. Blythe Meigs volunteered. Training is Jan. 12 at the admin. Bldg.

Legislation: Anne Moore reported on behalf of Marianne Kersten. She highlighted two main Issaquah Council PTSA legislative goals:

- 1) Continuing to push for implementation of the recommendations of the Basic Education Task Force
 - 2) Fighting cuts that are coming right away (action alerts have been sent by e-mail to members).
- Feb. 26, Focus Day in Olympia, will be a rally on the Capitol steps. A goal has been set that 10 people attend from each of our schools. Carpools are available.
 - Jody announced that Kelly Munn would speak at our next meeting so that we may be better-informed and able to spread the word to others. She suggests bringing a friend to the next meeting and sharing e-mails, as this is a critical time for education funding reform. Lise Place added that these important structural changes can be enacted over time, even while the budget is tight.

Special Funding Requests:

- 1) Dawn Wallace requests \$2,977.80 for a one-year subscription to Turnitin.com, a web-based instructional tool, in order to maintain the current subscription. Originally funded by the Tech Levy, new State requirements no longer allow this. If it becomes part of District-adopted curriculum, the Tech Levy will fund it in the future. If not adopted, IHS may make room for the subscription in the building budget.
 - 2) Elaine Armstrong requests \$1,184.83 for AP Biology Daily Curricula. It was suggested that a student fee at the start of the year might provide for replacement materials. There has been a large interest in AP biology.
 - 3) Cathie Foote request \$525.00 for the “Think Again” program, part of Drug and Alcohol Awareness. 10th graders participated in this program in October. The desire is that this be an on-going yearly program, with the “Mock-Crash” held every other year for Juniors and Seniors.
- **Jody Mull moved to approve the Turnitin.com subscription for the amount of \$2,977.80. Seconded, motion carried.**
 - **Jody Mull moved to approve the Drug and Alcohol Awareness program “Think Again” for the amount of \$525.00. Seconded, motion carried.**
 - **Anne Moore moved to approve the AP Biology Daily Curricula to the amount of \$1,185.00. Seconded, motion carried.** It was requested that PTSA be able to see the results of AP testing. Dawn Wallace agreed to provide this.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am

Board of Directors Meeting

Call to order: Co-President Jody Mull called meeting to order at 11:05 am.

Principal's Report: Assistant Principal Dawn Wallace spoke on behalf of Principal Paula Phelps.

- Dawn thanked PTSA for approving the Turnitin.com request. She explained that it has been a useful program for teachers and students, particularly the “grade mark” feature which gives timely feedback to students. Universities use it, and it is also helpful with peer review. She suggested that parents go to Turnitin.com to explore the program.
- “Winterfest” is next week. Dress-up days and evening activities are planned.
- 4A games are played in “quads” – long nights of back-to-back games of boys’ and girls’ jv and varsity sports.
- The administration has been very proud of the sports teams and fans. The recent State football playoff game against Skyline was exciting and well attended with enthusiastic, well-behaved fans. A Centralia newspaper even thanked early-arriving IHS fans for cheering their team on during their play-off game.
- Emergency preparedness law requires one fire drill per month and one lock down and earthquake drill per year. On Dec. 16, a drill will take place to prepare for protection from biological and chemical exposure.
- At IHS since 1989, Custodian Frances Davenport has passed away. He was known by students as “Santa Claus” and will be missed. A memorial will be held Dec.13, 11:00 am, at Flintoff’s.
- Dawn has been producing the school’s e-news in Julia Bamba’s absence. She informed the group that, while she can include links, attachments do not work. She added that ASB sends out an e-news, as well.

- The three-class school population now stands at 1,396 students.

VP Reports:

Membership: Anne Moore reported that IH PTSA membership is now at 1,136. Staff membership is at 46 (33 teachers, 13 non-teaching staff). The membership fee for staff is \$10.

Committee Reports:

PCFC: Lise Place announced that the next PCFC PTSA meeting will be Jan. 8, 1:00 pm in the Library. Two assemblies and the Staff Holiday Breakfast will be held next week. She thanked Ramona Lawrence for providing decorations.

Reflections: Karen Starcevich reported that of 35 entries, 10 will go on to District Finals, Jan 20, at PCFC. She added that Photography Teacher Cary Kodama was helpful in encouraging entries.

Senior Events: Camie Callahan explained that 181 students have signed up for Grad Night. A minimum of 230 is needed, with a maximum of 250. A phone tree will be used in January to advertise the event. It was suggested that the committee considering mentoring next year's chair soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am

Program – School Board member Chad Magendanz

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