

Issaquah High PTSA, Unit 2.6.45  
May 8, 2009  
Issaquah High School Career Center, Rm. C-5  
Proper notice was given to all members – quorum present

## General Membership Meeting

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Co-President Deed Chase called meeting to order at 9:41 am and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to provide hospitality for the last staff meeting of the year, next Wednesday. Food for 100-120 people is needed and can be dropped off with Cathie Foote by 1:00 pm that day.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lori VanDeMark presented the Apr. 17, 2009 minutes for review. Accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Co-President Jody Mull announced that treasurer Susan Hegedus has done an amazing job working to develop next year's budget.

- Susan presented the April Financial Report (see April Financial Report.)

**Budget:** The Budget Committee of Susan Hegedus, Jody Mull, Deed Chase, Anne Moore, Dianne Bugge, Marcia Davis, Celia Lindor, and Kim Dreiblatt worked to develop the proposed budget for next year. Susan reviewed highlighted changes from this year's budget (see Proposed Budget 2009-2010.)

- **Anne Moore moved to approve the Budget for 2009-2010 as presented. Seconded, approved.** Jody thanked Susan for her work.

**Council Report:** Jody and Deed:

- Officer Training for Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers is approaching and will be well attended.
- The position of "Special Services" will be added to the IH PTSA roster, with Sandra Lum as Chair.
- An "open conversation café" for the Optimal High School Experience will be held May 18, 6:30 pm at the admin bldg.

**Convention:**

- Jody and Deed attended the State PTA Convention on Friday, May 1.
- IH PTSA was presented the Gold Award for Standards of Excellence.
- Jody passed information she received at the convention that may be helpful to students in choosing a career. More information can be found at [www.careerbridge.wa.gov](http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov).

**Acknowledgements:** The following volunteers were thanked:

- Sue Jacobson, Marcia Davis, Nancy Campi, and Patty Flynn for their work arranging the recent Parent Ed seminar "What are Teens Really Doing Today?"

**New Business**

- Jody announced that there will be a meeting to fill vacant committee chair positions on May 12, 12:30pm at her home and that all are welcome.
- Senior Honors and Awards Night is May 19 at 6:30 pm.
- The last IH PTSA meeting of the school year has been moved up a week to June 5 and will be a luncheon held in the usual meeting room, C-5 (Career Center.) More information will follow.
- Fall dates:
  - Sept. 19 – Mock SAT
  - Sept. 22 – Curriculum Night
  - Oct. 6 – Parent Ed Class, "How to Help Your Student Succeed in High School and Beyond"

**Election of Incoming Officers:**

- Deed Chase presented the slate, which has been posted for 15+ days, on behalf of the Nominating Committee of Blythe Miegs and Lise Place:

For the office of Co-President – Jody Mull  
For the office of Co-President – Celia Lindor  
For the office of VP Freshman Campus – Ann Rauch  
For the office of VP Fundraising – Vicki Hahn  
For the office of VP Membership – Karen Knitter  
For the office of VP Volunteers – Lisa Gaan  
For the office of Secretary – Debbie Sexton  
For the office of Treasurer – Blair Baumer

- Deed presented Secretary Lori VanDeMark with the signed copy of the Nominating Committee report. No further nominations were given from the floor. **Nancy Campi moved to elect the Slate of Officers as presented, all in one vote. Seconded, approved.**

Joint Operating Agreement between IHS and PCFC: Jody announced that the JOA is available for review. It was noted that the amount listed as the total budget should be changed to \$8,600. **Susan Hegedus moved to accept the 2009-2010 Joint Operating Agreement as presented, with the correction to the total budget amount to be \$8,600. Seconded, approved.** Nancy Campi added that it is important that the incoming officers of IHS and PCFC be sure to read and understand the JOA and follow the agreement. A signed copy will be submitted to the secretary to be added to the legal documents.

Online Registration: Deed has enlisted the help of Vicki and Mark Hahn in setting up the online registration for IH PTSA's portion. Lisa Gaan, Gayle Fitzgerald, Jody Mull, and Susan Hegedus will determine how many PTSA pages will be necessary and what they will look like. So far, five pages have been identified: Membership/Pass the Hat, Corporate Sponsors, Volunteer Opportunities, SAT Prep, and Senior Events.

Corporate Rebates: Organizations registering with Safeway's eScripts program must be non-profit and must allow direct bank deposits. Susan will check into the banking aspect. Participants must re-register their red Safeway cards. Deed is in contact with a representative and will obtain the details.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 10:32 am.

### **VP Reports:**

Fundraising: Sharon Kay reported that she and Barbara Rappoport have sent out approximately 40 thank you cards to those who contributed to the second Pass the Hat.

### **Committee Reports:**

Legislation: Marianne Kersten feels that the notes written at last month's meeting to House Speaker Chopp had the desired affect in helping pass the education bill 2261, which passed the Senate and House. Work continues to develop details.

- More discussion is needed to resolve Levy equalization issues.
- More legislative information can be found in IH PTSA's May e-news.

Staff Appreciation: The week is going well.

ISF/VIS/PTA: Deborah Parsons announced that the "Calling for Kids" dates will be Oct. 20-21, with students again making the phone calls. As these organizations share common goals, the general message is that it is important to join PTA and support "Calling for Kids" and the Levy.

Parent Ed: Sue Jacobson has received positive feedback from the seminar, "What are Teens Really Doing Today?"

- It was noted that Officer Karen recommended that unused prescription drugs may be turned in to the Issaquah Police Station for proper disposal, however you must be a citizen of the City of Issaquah. As it is difficult to find a pharmacy willing to take these drugs, Nancy Campi offered to do some research and report back.

Site Council: Karin Allen announced that the next Site Council meeting will be May 20.

Levy Committee: Deborah Parsons reported that the meetings are finished and that they approved the proposals from the District. It is expected that the rate will reduce slightly.

Senior Events: Camie Callahan announced that a bigger bus was hired for the 242 students that have now signed up for *Grad Night*. Two spots are available. Printing for *Baccalaureate*, to take place June 6 at 2:00 pm, was donated by Marshall Printing. Mr. Haff will speak, as will a student and a professional speaker, along with eight performances at the non-denominational event. The *Senior Breakfast* will receive many donations from parents. A senior who is running-start culinary arts student at BCC, plans to make a 3' cake as his senior project. The breakfast will be held at Pickering Barn on June 8, the day of graduation, which will be held at Safeco Field at 5:00 pm.

Scholarships: Deed reported that the PTSA Scholarship recipients have been chosen but not yet announced. Chair Danielle Tilden had said that the judges had a difficult time narrowing down to the six recipients. A sophomore or junior parent will be needed to chair this committee next year. A new web master will also be needed.

**Staff Report:** Counselor Christy Deniston explained that senior information is available on the School web site.

- Seniors will receive visits from counselors soon, and a Senior Newsletter.
- The Senior Honors and Awards Ceremony will be May 19.

- Seniors must meet all requirements and fill out the Senior Exit Form before receiving their graduation tickets. Students are given 4 free tickets for guests, with extras available at \$8 each.
- Juniors in classes with seniors are advised to talk to their teachers to determine when finals will be given.
- Counselors will meet with juniors the on the 27th and will distribute the College Resource Handbook (also available online).
- Changes have been made in the college application process allowing counselors to use an online “common application”, making their part of the process much easier than before.

**Principal’s Report: Rebuild:** Principal Paula Phelps announced that the demolition is going well and should be completed pretty soon. Grading and placement of footings is already underway in back. The rebuild is ahead of schedule at this point. Students have been warned that they might notice vibrations in the lower campus for the next three weeks. The road that goes along the rear of the campus will be blocked as of this weekend. PE students will need to walk along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave or along the trails behind the softball field to access the fields. Land has been cleared for the new tennis courts. Ms. Phelps added that the construction company has been a delight to work with. Difficulties with the water system are being worked out. The ASB class is planning to “sell” sections of the barrier wall for students to decorate appropriately. Windows will go into the wall next week.

- It is unknown when the budget will be set.
- AP Testing and Attendance: Although there is not a policy toward attendance on AP testing days, it is not always feasible for students to attend school on a testing day, so they are given an excused absence for the entire day.
- With a few exceptions, juniors taking classes with seniors will take their finals on the regularly scheduled finals days.
- Ms. Phelps thanked the PTSA for the Staff Appreciation Week, noting that it was most welcome this year.
- Seventeen teachers from IHS have received “Reduction in Force” notices, although many will be rehired.
- Schedules will be available on Family Access most likely around mid to late August.
- Although the new lunch area, Rm E-8, is very crowded, students do have time to get and eat their lunches. Many teachers allow students to eat in their classrooms. During nice weather, students enjoy eating outside of E-8 in the amphitheater area. Approximately 60 fewer students are expected next year, which will relieve the crowding a bit. The Career Center is also open for lunch.
- Parking next year should be similar to the current situation. 100 carpools were formed this year and the expectation is to continue with this. It is not permissible to duplicate the carpool tag - the original must be moved from car to car. Clarification as to how parking spots are distributed will be forthcoming.
- Athletics – “home” football will be held at Mt. Si High School with basketball at Eastlake High School. Buses might be offered to transport students to these home games (that are away) for a small fee.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:38am**

Prepared by  
Lori VanDeMark  
Secretary, IH PTSA 2.6.45