

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

General Membership Meeting/Luncheon

Call to Order and Welcome: Co-President Jody Mull called meeting to order at 10:10 am. Introductions were made around the room.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Lori VanDeMark presented the May 8, 2009 minutes for review. Accepted as written. A thank you note from Staff for Staff Appreciation Week was passed around the room.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Susan Hegedus highlighted the following (see May Financial Report.)

- The last of the year's Membership fees have been paid to State PTA.
- Senior Event and Albertson's money are continuing to come in.
- The largest recent expenditures were for Senior Grad Night buses and Senior Merit Scholarships.
- June 30 is official year-end. Susan requests that all receipts/requests for reimbursement be in by June 20.
- Bank account check signers for next year will be Jody Mull, Blair Baumer, Celia Lindor, and Lisa Gaan.

Standing Rules: Jody presented proposed changes to the IH PTSA Standing Rules:

- Fees will be increased based on the State PTA increase; the position of E-news Coordinator has been eliminated; the position of Website has been moved from Standing Committee to Ad-Hoc; the extra "S" was removed from the IH PTSA name. **Anne Moore moved to accept the proposed Standing Rule changes. Seconded, motion carried.**

Presidents' Report

Acknowledgements: President Deed Chase thanked the many volunteers and attendees of the many recent activities: Staff Appreciation, Optimal High School Experience Forum, Honors and Awards Night, Council Training, Cultural Event, and ongoing Senior Events.

Senior Events: Next year's Senior Events Committee has already met and plans to repeat the Sally Foster Fundraiser this summer. Baccalaureate will be tomorrow, 2pm at the LDS Church in Eastgate. Thank you notes have been received from some of the Senior Merit scholarship recipients. The recipients were Kyle Corbitt, Haida Ikeda, Stephen Jacobson, Courtney Lester, Alexander Severin, and Elaine Tran.

Testing: A minimum of 12 students must sign up for the additional Mock SAT testing day that has been set for September 12. District-wide, the PSAT will be held on Oct. 13 during school hours for 10th and 11th graders. Questions arose as to whether it is wise for 10th graders to take this test instead of waiting until junior year, as colleges will have access to these test scores. Those with questions are asked to contact Deed to seek follow-up.

Council Report: Jody and Deed:

- The graduation rate in our District is 95%.
- Schools are in the process of recalling staff.
- School Board - Marnie Maraldo and Wright Noel are running for the open District 2 position. Incumbent Chad Magendanz is running for District 4 position unopposed.
- The rebuild ground-breaking ceremony will take place June 11, 4:30 at IHS.
- An online report about the Optimal High School Experience is available on the District's web site.
- An all-day teacher training for special services will take place August 31.
- An online Tech class is now an option for students. Details will follow in time.

New Business

Performance Report: Deed presented the report (see IH PTSA 2008-2009 Performance Report.)

Online Back-to-School Registration: Information to be included has been gathered. Help has been enlisted from Susan Hegedus and Vicki Hahn. E-mail, most likely in July, will be sent to families explaining the process. A plan is in place to contact the relatively small number of families who are without computer access. Registration at PCFC will remain the same, done in person.

Financial Review: Anne Moore volunteered to be on the Financial Review Committee along with Jan West. Anne will also ask Blair Baumer, next year's Treasurer, to participate.

VP Reports:

Membership: Anne Moore announced that the final membership tally is 1,158; of which 69 are staff members from IHS and PCFC.

Fundraising: Deed reported that the Safeway eScripts program is moving ahead. Specific information will be included with the online registration materials this summer.

Committee Reports:

Legislation: Regarding the School Board races, Marianne Kersten announced that the organization, "Stand for Children" plans to evaluate the candidates and make known their endorsement. Those interested can find more information at Stand.org, or at the organization's end-of-year review meeting at the KCLS Service Center, June 11, 12-1:30.

SAT Readiness: Deed reported that Blythe Meigs has worked very hard at this program, writing articles for newsletters and raising funds.

ISF: Jody explained that ISF is working together with PTAs and VIS toward Levy passage.

Site Council: Karin Allen announced that SC will focus on the Rebuild, the Optimal High School Experience, and on how to best reintegrate 9th graders to the IHS campus fall 2010. She added that AP Testing issues such as attendance on testing days and school workload during test time are also being looked at.

Senior Events: Baccalaureate is June 6; Senior Breakfast is June 8 at Pickering Barn preceding graduation rehearsal; Graduation is June 9, 5 pm at Safeco Field. The end-of-year schedule is posted on the IHS web site.

Awards: Jody thanked Nancy Campi for her presentation of the Outstanding Educator Awards at the recent Staff Meeting. Nancy announced the recipients as: Amy McGinnis, Keri Dean, Dori Robinson, Lael Hughes, and Officer **Karin Weihe**. Nancy added that next year's Board should discuss guidelines for presentation of future awards.

Math Curriculum Adoption: Deed explained that the District has been studying high school math this year in regards to a new geometry and algebra 2 curriculum. Materials are available online and the District is receiving public comment. Discussion followed regarding the controversy between inquiry-based vs. direct instruction, and whether current curriculum and/or the new curriculum would meet new OSPI guidelines. Principal Paula Phelps explained the process the committee went through to come to their recommendation, noting that any of the curriculums proposed would require and receive supplementation. It was mentioned that math education has been compressed, with most 8th graders now completing algebra 1, allowing most 9th graders to study geometry and 10th graders to take algebra 2.

Principal's Report: Ms. Phelps reported that this morning's assembly at the Community Center was very fun.

- The rebuild process is going incredibly well.
- The master schedule should be completed by Monday, and the staff recall process is underway and should be complete by mid-July.
- Students' schedules should be available online in late August.
- The current graduating class size is 432.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29am

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