

## General Membership Meeting

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Co-President Jody Mull called meeting to order at 9:32 am, announcing that a fire drill would occur at approx. 9:30 and asking that meeting attendees gather at the softball field. Co-President Deed Chase asked for volunteers to provide snacks for the Parent Ed night Sept. 23 (sign-up sheet was passed).

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lori VanDeMark presented the June 6, 2008 minutes for review. Accepted as written.  
• **Standing Rules:** A draft was presented, noting the addition of "E-News Coordinator" as a Standing Committee. While the Presidents write the e-news, Deborah Parsons will coordinate and distribute this year. **Anne Moore moved to approve the Standing Rules as amended. Seconded, motion carried.**

**E-news:** Coordinator Deborah Parsons described the internet service "Mail Chimp" as being useful in managing the database, making distribution much easier, providing feedback about use, and putting a workable system in place for future coordinators. The pay-as-you go plan offers a non-profit discount and would cost approximately \$25.50/month. Treasurer Susan Hegedus suggested adding it under administration as item 9000-10. **Jane Lee moved to amend the budget, adding line item 9000-10 for e-news, to the amount of \$300. Seconded, motion carried.** Those not receiving the e-news are asked to contact Deborah. PTSA can also send out additional information to the parent population in the School's e-news.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susan Hegedus explained the need for the PO Box renewal. **Susan Hegedus moved to amend item 9000-03 of the budget, increasing the amount to \$70 for the PO Box renewal fee. Seconded, motion carried.**

- Donations and matching funds are still being received.
- FIRE DRILL – everyone out to the softball field, where introductions were made.

**Legislation Report:** Marianne Kersten asks that parents follow the link from the PTSA e-news and respond to a Zoomerang survey, open until Sept. 25, which will aid in prioritizing issues to be presented at Legislative Assembly, Oct. 3&4 at the SeaTac Marriot. **Anne Moore moved that Marianne Kersten and Deborah Parsons be our voting delegates at Legislative Assembly. Seconded, motion carried.** Refer to the State PTA web site for further information on the issues. Lori VanDeMark will also send the Zoomerang link to the Board by e-mail.

- Legislative Roundtable, the opportunity to meet with local State Legislators, will take place in November.
- Focus Day will be February 26 in Olympia.
- Marianne explained that the organization "Stand for Children" (stand.org) shares many goals with PTA, but is able to approach these challenges differently. Their current focus is on K-12 funding, teacher quality, and a meaningful high school diploma. Stand for Children will be on the agenda of the Basic Ed Task Force meeting next week.

FIRE DRILL OVER – back to Career Center.

**Senior Celebrations:** Camie Callahan and Marilyn Haberlach reported that Grad Celebration Night tickets are on sale now for a \$100 deposit (total cost of \$150). 125 students have signed up so far. The senior class has begun fundraising through "Sally Foster" gift-wrap and goods. The committee makes 50% of gross sales and has earned \$1000 (\$2000 gross) so far. Catalogues are available at the meeting, or orders can be placed online – see link at IH PTSA web site under Senior Class News.

**Financial Review:** Daniela Colter complimented Treasurer Susan Hegedus on her very organized records. Very minor suggestions were noted on the review (see attached).

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Susan Hegedus announced that final notification was received from the IRS stating our PTSA's name as "Issaquah High PTSA".

- July and August Financial Reports were given (see attached).
- Susan explained that "restricted funds" for Emergency Preparedness and Tiger Mountain High Programs cannot be reallocated for any other use. This being the case, these amounts are not included in the "available balance".
- The estimate of excess funds is the amount over and above funds allocated and recommended reserve, assuming the "Pass the Hat" goal is met.

- **Reimbursements:** Check Request Forms are found on the IH PTSA web site, and should be filled out, signed, and submitted with receipts attached. Payment can be expected within 2 weeks. Checks may also be written to a specific vendor if given enough time.
- **Deposits:** Deposit Record Forms are also found on the web site. To deposit cash, two people must count and sign. A bank receipt is given to the committee. It is best to have two people open mail in the event cash might be enclosed.
- **Membership:** The current member count is 890, with student enrollment of 1,276.25. "Pass the Hat" funds received so far - \$16,775, goal is \$22,000.
- **Marianne Kersten moved to approve the budget as amended. Seconded, motion carried.**

**Theme and Goals:** Co-President Deed Chase reviewed that draft of the Theme ("Building Today for Tomorrow") and Goals (see attached) compiled at the PTSA retreat in August. Following discussion, it was agreed upon to strike "particularly core 24" from goal #5 and to clarify the Basic Ed Task Force name. **Anne Moore moved to approve the IH PTSA Theme and Goals as amended. Seconded, motion carried.** See the District web site for more information specifically regarding "Core 24".

**Meeting adjourned by Jody Mull at 10:40 am**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Call to order:** Co-President Jody Mull Called meeting to order at 10:40 am, introducing Counselor Christy Deniston, the new Staff Representative.

**Staff Report:** Christy explained that she is new to IHS this year.

- The counseling office is working to complete schedule changes that remain due to releveling.
- Counselors are visiting senior classes to outline the college application process. Seniors will receive unofficial transcripts at that time.
- A college information presentation for parents of seniors will take place at 6:00 pm, one hour before Curriculum Night, 7:00 pm, September 16.
- Juniors can register for the Oct. 18 PSAT beginning on Sept. 29.
- Planners have been distributed.
- Each counselor manages approximately 450 students.
- The best way to communicate with counselors is by e-mail.
- Junior class visits will likely be in Oct. The counseling office can answer questions regarding SAT and PSAT testing.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Paula Phelps welcomed those present and stated that the school is doing fine and functioning well, working out "glitches".

- A ramp will be added adjacent to the stairs to improve flow and help alleviate any safety issues.
- Although it is not apparent from the outside, much progress has been made toward the rebuild. She added that students have been resilient and positive.
- Though previously thought to have been demolished earlier, areas still standing have been put to good use for interim storage and use. Most home football and volleyball games will be held at IHS this fall.
- Conversion of PCFC to a middle school is delayed one year to fall of 2010.
- The demolition of the first planned area is now expected to be in Nov. The City is working out issues of ingress and egress as well as revisions regarding hallways and stairs. She noted that Issaquah has been good to work with.
- Parking has not been the problem that was anticipated. Those requesting a spot have received one, with extras available. The student parking committee will reconvene to determine how best to fairly allocate the remaining spots. All parking spots are redistributed at semester.
- IHS WASL scores have increased in all areas. SAT and ACT scores are the highest in the District and are well above State and National averages.
- Assistant Principal Julia Bamba gave birth to a baby boy, Griffin. Athletic Director Mike Bailey will be taking on some of Ms. Bamba's duties during her absence as part of an administrative internship.
- Ms. Phelps asks parents to please be patient while glitches in the phone system are being repaired. E-mail is more reliable, or parents are asked to stop in at the office with questions as needed.

### **VP Reports:**

- **Site Council:** Karin Allen discovered that the first meeting will be in October.
- **Parent Ed:** Ms. Phelps explained that after-school writing and math help will be held soon in portables, with science help in an existing science classroom. Specific start dates and room numbers will be forthcoming in the School e-news. Sue Jacobson and Marcia Davis announced the seminar "How to Help Your Student Succeed in High School and Beyond" will be Sept. 23 at 6:30 pm. Ms. Phelps will present, as will the librarian and math, social studies,

language arts, and science teachers. Anne Moore asked that "Pass the Hat" and membership be promoted prior to the class. Joy McIlvaine will spread word of the seminar to PCFC.

- Fundraising: Sharon Kay asked that people continue turning in "Pass the Hat" donations. She suggested an "all-call" be put out as there is concern that response may be lower with the mail-in-only registration.

- Volunteers: Jane Lee noted that 160 volunteer forms have been received. Spreadsheets will be distributed to committee chairs soon. Volunteers are needed for PSAT testing on Oct. 18 and Homecoming Dance at the Meydenbauer Center on Sept. 27. Please consider, as it can be is hard to find enough chaperones for the dance.

- ISF: The ISF Luncheon sign up sheet was passed around. Debbie Rossman noted that the Luncheon/Silent Auction is Oct. 16, 11:00-1:00.

- PCFC: Joy McIlvaine thanked volunteers who worked during PCFC registration. 306 PTSA members have signed up. \$4,803 has been collected for "Pass the Hat". Staff enjoyed the Fall Luncheon. The first PCFC PTSA meeting will be Oct. 7 with Principal Dana Bailey speaking. Members at PCFC are encouraged to attend IH and Skyline PTSA meetings, as PCFC intends to have only approximately 3 meetings this year. Curriculum night will be Sept. 22, 7-9 pm. There will be a dance on Oct. 3.

Reflections: Karen Starceovich announced that the theme this year is "Wow". The kick off will be in October with entries being due in November before Thanksgiving.

Deed will send additional information regarding Council and Presidents' Report via e-mail to the Board.

**Meeting adjourned by Jody Mull at 11:20 pm**

Program by ASB Advisor Emily Carl: ASB Activities and Homecoming Week and Dance.

Prepared by Lori VanDeMark  
Secretary, IH PTSA 2.6.45

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Co-President's Report

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have supported the efforts of the PTSA to date:

Summer Mailing – Preparation, Collators, Stuffers & Labelers

Library – Bill Shadt, our Librarian, was overwhelmed and very grateful for all the support.

Fall Staff Luncheon – our staff was full and happy, especially loved the goodie bags!

Picture Day, Senior Celebration Coordination, SAT Prep and Mock exam, envelope opening team, Newsletter, website updates, enews, and everyone who helped make going back to school a success!

PTA Council –

Voted on the theme "Rising to the Challenge" and goals for this years which include

Continuing work on the Middle School Experience

Secondary Reculturing

Communicating factual, accurate and timely information

Educate and mobilize parents on State and National Issues

Work on Online conversion

Continue to advocate maximizing effective student learning time for all students

You can find exact verbiage on the website [www.issaquahptsa.org](http://www.issaquahptsa.org)

Dr. Rasmussen's remarks –

Freshmen will be at IHS in Fall 2010

WASL scores in ISD are some of the highest in the State,  
SAT – 913 juniors took the test last year; IHS had some of the highest averages in  
the district

17 Administration changes over the summer most important to IHS

Ron Thiele, Associate Superintendent

Patrick Murphy, Executive Director of Secondary Education

Jodi Bongard, Executive Director of Elementary Education

For this year, Patrick Murphy will focus on the High Schools and Ron Thiele will continue to  
focus on the Middle Schools

Please forward any questions that you would like asked of Patrick and Ron, who will attend the  
next Council meeting October 9.

Mike Winkler has resigned from the school board.

2020 Vision plan presented.

Announced there will be a bond/levy in late winter 2010.

Encouraged support of the District Animal policy – No animals on any campus unless an approved  
service animal (not in training) or approved as part of curriculum on a case-by -case basis. For  
hygiene and a healthy environment for all.

Training – Members attended the National PTA Convention, State Leadership Training, Region 2  
Fall Leadership Conference and held a Local Unit Retreat in August.

Principals Meeting – Co-Presidents plan regular monthly meetings with Paula Phelps