



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45  
General Membership Meeting  
IHS Main Conference Room

February 10, 2017  
9:30 am

**Our PTSA Mission**

To expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning and social environment at IHS through programs, volunteers, advocacy, and financial support.

**Call to Order** Bertina Loeffler Sedlack called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and led introductions. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum present. A sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

**President's Report** (*Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and Diane Burdette*)

**Thank You** Bertina shared thanks to the following committee chairs and volunteers: Robin Hodder, Victoria Evans, Ami Maron, Carri Christiansen-Frueh, Jane Barry, and Wendy Maruchek for working the PE 5K on January 13; Dea Barnett, Anne Watanabe, Sara Carmichael, Davis Carmichael, and Bertina Loeffler Sedlack for attending Focus Day on January 16; Dea Barnett for writing a summary of Focus Day and for the Communications Team for posting the summary on the web in a timely manner; Sulehka Shivakumar for testing snacks on January 27, Diane Burdette for running a survey for the parent community and Kathlyn Chinn for working with Diane to revise Staff Classroom fund reimbursement documentation in response to the Staff Survey; Heidi Fuhs, Lida Buckner and volunteers who donated to the Staff Breakfast; Birgit Aarrestad and Michele Severt for a successful Mock Combo (SAT/ACT) test on February 4; Korina Sullivan for providing Senior Exit Interview snacks for the interviewers, Sally Feldman and Senior Events team (Wendy Redding, Donna McLeod) for promoting the Senior Celebration at the interviews, and Ginger Wilfong and Stacy Heller for providing a treat for seniors after their interview; Diane Burdette, Patti Miller, and Sara Carmichael for contributions to the SOE application.

Council report: Diane reported on the Issaquah PTSA Council meeting. Ron Thiele addressed recent snow closures, which have pushed the last day of school to Tuesday, June 20. No snow days were built into the 2016-2017 school calendar. • To change emergency contact information in Family Access, guardians must contact the school. • ISD Staff recently participated in cultural diversity training. For ISD, the ethnic makeup is 2% less white every year for past 15 years, while the staff composition hasn't changed. • Providence Point negotiations are still underway. The district is optimistic about the property acquisition.

**Secretary's Report** (*Sara Carmichael*)

The January 2017 minutes were reviewed, approved as submitted, and filed.

**Treasurer's Report** (*Patti Miller*)

Patti Miller presented the January 2017 Financial report.

**Other Financial Business**

- No insurance claims were filed for month of January.
- The 1099 form was filed at the end of January.
- Nonprofit Corporation Annual Report has been filed with the State of Washington.
- Margaret Chalfant reviewed the January 2017 bank statements.

**Business**

**Parent Community Survey** Diane Burdette shared results of the recent survey sent to the parent community. 319 people responded, nearly 100 of which are not current PTSA members. A committee was formed to analyze the feedback to address topics.

**SRO Promotion** Diane and Bertina presented a gift of Issaquah High logowear to Officer Diego Zanella as thanks from the IH PTSA for his service as SRO. Thanks to Onti Rosen for the idea and Ami Maron for procuring the items.

**Lunch for the Break** Bertina noted that the IH PTSA BOD is donating a complete box. ISF is still accepting monetary donations to purchase produce and bread to go with non-perishables. The program will run again in April for Spring Break.

**WSPTA Senior Scholarship and Men's Essay Contest** Several scholarships (three \$3,000 and one \$1,000) are available for seniors through WSPTA. Application deadline is March 1. The WSPTA Men's Essay Contest deadline is also March 1. Information can be found on the WSPTA website.

**Revision to Standing Rules** Bertina presented a BOD-recommended change to the standing rules that would create the position of Assistant Treasurer. The intention of the new position is to share some of the responsibilities of the Treasurer (reduce the time burden on the Treasurer) and provide the opportunity to learn about the role of Treasurer before possibly stepping into that role.

**MOTION 1** Diane Burdette moved that IH PTSA amends Standing Rule No. 9 to allow for a (non-signer) Assistant Treasurer elected position. The motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was voted upon. The motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Advocacy** Dea Barnett noted that people can find good summaries of legislative proposals through the WSPTA website (wastatepta.org, Grassroots Connection blog) and League of Education Voters. The current concern is the Levy Cliff. If the levies expire before the legislature completes the education funding plan, ISD is at risk of losing \$15 million out of its two-year budget. The House of Representatives passed a bill to delay the levy cliff. District 5 legislators Rodne and Graves broke with their caucus to support that bill (HB1059).

**Membership** Bertina announced that IH PTSA has exceeded the membership goal of 1,300. Current membership stands at 1401, which includes 61 staff members (exceeding staff goal of 60). The increase in membership over last year (10%) qualifies IH PTSA for the Washington State PTA Gold Award. Current membership still only represents 66% of students. Bertina also noted discounts offered to PTSA members. Diane Burdette thanked Bertina for working on Membership above and beyond her duties as President.

**Awards** Sara Carmichael reported that the online nomination forms for Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate will be available until midnight February 13. The committee will meet February 16<sup>th</sup> to review the nominations.

**Nominating Committee** Anne Watanabe reported that the Nominating Committee is working and contacting people. Anyone interested in serving on the board or with suggestions for people who might like to serve should contact Anne.

Robin Hodder, Co-VP Events, Sara Carmichael, Secretary, and Patti Miller, Treasurer, described the duties and responsibilities of their respective positions.

### **Events**

**Senior Events** Robin Hodder noted that Sally Feldman is in the midst of the push to reach seniors for Senior Celebration. She and her team were at Senior Interviews to talk with the students. There are currently 168 seniors signed up. The goal is 300.

**Other Events Updates** Robin Hodder debriefed about the January 13 IHS PE 5K. About 600 students ran on a very cold 28 degree morning. Victoria Evans chaired the committee which provided post race snacks, including water bottles, oranges, and granola bars. PTSA volunteers served as winter formal chaperones and during senior exit interviews.

## Communications

**Issaquah Schools Foundation** Diane Burdette shared the following Issaquah Schools Foundation news:

- Juniors and Seniors can apply for two Impact Scholarships of \$1,000 each. Applications are due March 15.
- March 1 marks the next Dining for Kids event at Gaslamp Bar & Grill.
- The Nourish Every Mind Luncheon will be May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. The Breakfast will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at Eastridge Church in Issaquah.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Influence the Choice Drug Prevention Alliance for Youth video contest for middle and high school students is going on now. Video submissions are due March 10.
- The next two State of Mind Conferences for youth mental health are Saturday March 11 at Liberty High School and Saturday April 29 at IHS.

## Programs

**Angel** Julie Siefkes shared about the Angel Program, which gives voice to and extra care for students that need a little extra support. The committee is piloting a program to provide food for weekends. iVision wants to do a video for Angel including Lisa Hollingsworth, the IHS liaison to Angel. Angel is looking to add a third co-chair for next year.

**Senior Scholarships** Anne Watanabe announced that IH PTSA is offering five \$1,000 scholarships for current seniors. Applications are due mid-April.

**Grants** Margaret Chalfant.

The Grants committee met January 26 to assess grant applications.

Margaret Chalfant presented a grant request submitted by Kari Leon, LRC1 Teacher, for up to \$250 to fund weekly lunch groups for LRC students for February through May. This is a renewal of the grant approved in November.

**MOTION 2** Stacy Heller moved that we approve the Game Lunch grant for \$250.00. The motion was seconded. A paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 18 Votes For: 18 Votes Against: 0  
The motion carried.

Margaret Chalfant presented a grant request submitted by Onti Rosen to purchase books for a Parent Education Lending Library to with titles related to Parent Ed presentations and current topics. The Parent Ed Library will be housed in the IHS library.

**MOTION 3** Anne Watanabe moved that the IH PTSA approved the grant request for the Parent Education Lending Library for \$200.00 as submitted. The motion was seconded. A paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 18 Votes For: 17 Votes Against: 1  
The motion carried.

Margaret Chalfant presented a grant request for \$2,800 to purchase equipment for the Biomedical Science/Anatomy & Physiology class at school as submitted by Biology Teacher Bryan Robles. The equipment and materials are for lab activities for exploring Cryopreservation and Fertility Preservation. It is a college level class, and students earn 6 college credits from Bellevue College.

**MOTION 4 (yellow)** Anne Watanabe moved that IH PTSA approve the grant request "Biomedical Science/Anatomy & Physiology Equipment" in the amount of \$2,800. The motion was seconded. A paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 18 Votes For: 14 Votes Against: 3 Abstentions: 1  
The motion carried.

## Hospitality

No report.

## Speakers

**Neil Lasher** Neil Lasher noted that SRO Diego Zanella was promoted. Part of his new job is overseeing the SRO program. Neil introduced Officer Dave Turner, a candidate for SRO who will be at IHS for the

next five weeks. Neil also noted that students should continue to report issues and concerns to Security (quick tip information is on the back of Student ID cards).

**Andrea McCormick, Principal**, commented that about 350 students attended the Winter Formal, which was fun, nice, and profitable. The event is under consideration for next year. • Course selection for next year is coming up. Presentations for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be March 1, an evening that will also include BBQ dinner and Sports/Clubs fair. Registration information for 9-11<sup>th</sup> graders will be March 15 during school. Course selection deadline will be at least a week from March 15.

**Adjourned 11:37am**

**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2017 9:30 am IHS Main Conference Room