



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45  
General Membership Meeting  
IHS Main Conference Room

November 17, 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** Diane Burdette called the meeting to order at 9:40 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** (*Diane Burdette*)

Diane Burdette presented a slide show highlighting recently completed PTSA events and programs. She acknowledged the volunteers who ran and supported the events.

Diane noted the following from the Issaquah PTSA Council meeting: Superintendent Ron Thiele announced that the district purchased new administrative office space at 5150 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE in Issaquah. Transition into the new space is expected to begin in April 2018. The current administrative location will be redeveloped as a new middle school. Also, the district has found promising sites for a new elementary and the fifth high school.

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

The September 2017 General Membership meeting minutes were reviewed, approved with no changes, and filed.

Diane Burdette announced that the December 8 General Membership Meeting has been cancelled.

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

Patti Miller presented highlights of the September 2017 and October 2017 financial reports.

Patti noted the following items:

- There were no insurance claims in September and October.
- The September 2017 and October 2017 bank statements were reviewed by an independent party with no check signing authority.
- The IH PTSA is in good standing with the state PTA, having paid state membership dues.
- The 2016 Form 990-EZ (due November 15, 2017) and the WA Charitable Solicitations Renewal (due May 31, 2018) were submitted on October 28, 2017 by Diane Burdette.

**Business**

**Grants** Pamela Krueger and Marla Baldinelli introduced grant proposal and voting process.

**Grant Proposal 1**

Marla Baldinelli presented a grant request of \$283 for registration and exam fees for the National Spanish Exam, submitted by Ellen Hayes for 52 students in her Advanced Conversation and Culture classes.

**MOTION 1** Marla Baldinelli, on behalf of the Grant Committee, moved that the IH PTSA approve the National Spanish Exam grant as presented. After discussion, a paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 17 Votes For: 17 Votes Against: 0

The motion passed.

## Grant Proposal 2

Marla Baldinelli presented a grant request of \$690 for an annual subscription to an online reading fluency program called Read Naturally, submitted by Holly Hovey for use by 30 special education and ELL students.

**MOTION 2** Marla Baldinelli, on behalf of the Grant Committee, moved that IH PTSA approve the Read Naturally Grant as presented. After discussion, a paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 17 Votes For: 17 Votes Against: 0

The motion passed.

## Grant Proposal 3

Marla Baldinelli presented a grant proposal of \$905.73 for a standing drill press for the wood and machine shop, submitted by Jill MacDonald, to be used by the Robotics Club and also by wood shop students.

**MOTION 3** Marla Baldinelli, on behalf of the Grant Committee, moved that IH PTSA approve the grant for the standing drill press for up to \$925.00. After discussion, a paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 17 Votes For: 16 Votes Against: 1

The motion passed.

## Committee Reports

**Advocacy** Dea Barnett reported on the Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly, held in Tacoma, WA on October 20-21, noting that Issues that the proceedings focused on issues that PTA supports at the state level. More information available on state PTA website.

To receive advocacy alerts from the state PTA, sign up at <https://www.votervoicenet/mobile/WAPTA/register>.

A survey about Focus Day is open until December 4. The state PTA is looking for more effective, meaningful and easy ways for all members to advocate for what is important to them.

Dea is planning an Advocacy Coffee for sometime in January as an opportunity to meet informally with other members to discuss ways to advocate for what is important to you.

Additional advocacy websites:

- League of Ed Voters educationvoters.org
- Washington's Paramount duty paramountduty.org McCleary
- Network for Excellence in WA schools (NEWS) waschoolexcellence.org

**Membership/Directory Update** Kim Wilkinson reported current membership at 1,392 members, close to the goal of 1,425. 56 staff members have joined (goal is 70).

The directory will be online only this year, accessible through the IH PTSA website. (Members will use their IH PTSA website login and password to access the directory.) There will be no printed directory. The parent handbook section of the directory is nearly finished.

**Awards** Rebecca Fay described the Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate awards. Marni Kilzi needs three to five people for the committee that will review award nominations in February.

**Issaquah Schools Foundation** Sara Carmichael gave an update of the All In For Kids campaign.

## Hospitality

Diane Burdette thanked Rebecca for the decorations and refreshments for the November GMM meeting.

## Programs

**Angel Program** Susan Griffin reported that the Angel Program is currently serving 43 students. Flyers in English and Spanish are being posted around the school to raise awareness. November 6, Angel provided new coats to Angel students. On December 4, Angel will distribute hats, gloves, scarves, and gift bags containing items such as gift cards and hot chocolate. The January 8 event will feature new

jeans. Power Packs, containing food for a weekend, are available every Friday and are available to all students. Breakfast on the go is available in the health room.

Angel program surveyed all IHS students to raise awareness in the school and to find out what students think that the Angel Program should provide. About 600 students responded. The top three items identified by students were food, clothing, and toiletries.

**Reflections** Jamie Beck reported that the Reflections reception was November 14. Twelve of 28 entries were selected to go on to District competition. The District Reflections reception is scheduled for January 9, 2018.

**Be True Campaign** Jamie Beck noted that 650 of 750 foam fingers were given to students at the Skyline football game. She discussed Be True posters being hung around the school. The next giveaway will be rally towels at the Senior Night basketball game in January.

**Healthy Student** Victoria Evans promoted the Sexual Assault Awareness workshop being held on Thursday, November 30 from 7:00-9:00pm, at IHS. The workshop is presented in conjunction with WAVE foundation. Register through ParentWiser. All high school students and adults are welcome.

**Parent Ed** Dea Barnett brought the Parent Ed Lending Library books to the meeting. They are available for check out in the IHS library. Contact Dea with recommendations.

The iRules workshops, presented by Janell Burley Hofmann, had an amazing turnout. An online book discussion will be available sometime in December. Check the ParentWiser website.

The next ParentWiser presentation is a screening of the documentary Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety. The screening is scheduled for January 24, 2018, 7:00pm, at IHS.

Dea is working with the ISD to show The Mask You Live In, a documentary that explores America's narrow definition of masculinity.

**College Test Prep** Valerie Yanni highlighted work done by Birgit Aarrestad & Michele Severt and their efforts to fill the college test prep classes. Saturday classes are showing better enrollment than week night offerings.

**Open Committee Chair Positions** The Grants committee needs new chair for the remaining two grant cycles. The Senior Scholarship committee needs a chairperson (active during the January-May timeframe).

### **Speakers**

**Andrea McCormick, Principal** Andrea McCormick related issues surrounding the delay to opening the new bus loop. Parents may email their concerns to Andrea, who will forward them to the appropriate parties. Andrea also discussed homework and holidays.

**Adjourned 11:28am**

**Next Meeting:** January 12, 2017 9:30 am