



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
IHS Main Conference Room

June 8, 2018
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 9:35 a.m. 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 and Pamela Krueger*)

Diane Burdette reported the following information:

IHS student Ben Eskenazi is a Reflections National Award winner. He and his family were greeted before the meeting. Lea Gibson framed his award-winning photo, which will be hung in the art wing.

IH PTSA, for the third year in a row, has earned the Platinum Award for Standards of Excellence from Washington State PTA.

Thanks to Marni Kilzi and Sandy Schmidt who, with three students, presented Outstanding Educator awards to Jaci Belur, Nena Carpenter, and Todd Parsons. Diane displayed photos of the Outstanding Educators along with students who nominated them.

Thanks to Rebecca Fay for hosting the year-end New Family Ambassador event at Leslie Guajardo's home. Rebecca taking over reigns of New Family Ambassador next year.

Thanks to Pamela Krueger who reported that 203 community service cords were earned by seniors. She distributed 140 cords and certificates to seniors on May 24. Remaining cords will be distributed on two other dates. Pamela credits using social media to reach students and increase the number of cords earned.

Diane shared thanks and gave beautiful flowers to outgoing IH PTSA board members for their service, insights, and support.

Secretary's Report (*Sara Carmichael*)

The May 2018 minutes were reviewed, approved with no changes, and filed.

Treasurer's Report (*Patti Miller*)

Patti Miller presented the May 2018 Financial report.

Patti noted the following items:

- Patti needs to receive reimbursement requests and receipts by June 20. People should cash their reimbursement checks before June 30.
- No insurance claims were filed in May.
- The May 2018 bank statements were reviewed by Blyth Claeys, a non-signer.

Business

No business.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Dea Barnett encouraged people to participate in the district follow-up survey about bell schedules. Links to the survey are in District eNews. The results of our bell time changes are being watched nationally.

Hospitality

No Report.

Events

Senior Events Wendy Maruchek listed dates and times for the Senior Events, which are also included on the agenda.

New to IHS Wendy shared plans for the New to IHS Night, scheduled for August 28. The evening is primarily for 9th graders and transfer students of all grades. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tours with language translators will be available. The program will run from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Wendy is working with Lorna Gilmour to make the evening accessible to non-English speakers.

Picture Day Wendy Maruchek noted that Picture Day is the first day of school, September 5.

Textbook Checkout Textbook checkout is tentatively scheduled for September 6 and 7.

Programs

Reflections Jamie Beck reported that Ben Eskenazi's photo earned a National Reflections Award of Excellence—High School Division. Ben is invited to attend the National Reflections Show in New Orleans on June 23. Next year's Reflections theme is "Heroes Around Me".

Healthy Student Victoria Evans reported that IHS is pleased that IH PTSA is supporting the May Mental Health Awareness activities. Victoria has not received an update yet on the pending installation of the water bottle filler machine.

New Family Ambassadors Valerie Yanni reported that Rebecca Fay hosted the New Family Ambassador end of year social at Leslie Guajardo's home. There was a good turnout, including new incoming 9th grade parents. Send email to ihnewfamily@gmail.com to sign up as ambassador. Valerie shared the following dates for New Family Ambassador events: New to IHS Night is August 28; Welcome Coffee is September 13, and a New Family Mixer is September 27 at Capri Cellars. Look for the IHS New Family Ambassador Program group on Facebook for more information.

Angel Jamie Beck reported that the Tuxes and Tiaras on event on May 4 & 5 went well. She shared special thanks to Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank, Our Savior Lutheran Church, and the Liberty, Skyline, and Issaquah High PTSAs. A similar event is being planned for Homecoming.

College and Career Planning Jamie Beck explained that College and Career Planning is the new version of College Test Prep. Next year, only practice tests will be offered (no prep classes). Practice tests are scheduled for September 15, November 17, and February 2. College Planning presentations by Sally Fouché are tentatively set for October 15 and April 23. The Kaplan Combo test is scheduled for May 18.

Issaquah Speaks Jamie Beck reported on the Issaquah Speaks event held June 7 and organized by Dion Lillo, ASB President. Winners were 1st Place Bryan Lim, 2nd Henry Dai, and 3rd Tobey Noble. Club Winner was Engu Fontama and CARE, a support organization she started for students of color at IHS. ASB is planning to hold Issaquah Speaks next year.

College Test Prep Jamie Beck reported that about 65 students sat for the recent Kaplan combo test.

Be True Jamie Beck noted that it is unclear how Be True will progress next year due to Katie Moeller's health issues.

Need Committee Chairs Valerie Yanni noted the following committees that need chair people: Healthy Student, Parent Ed, and Senior Scholarships (2). Diane Burdette mentioned that Advocacy also needs a volunteer leader. A volunteer has been found to assist Ami Maron with the Emergency Backpacks.

Communications

No Report.

Miscellaneous

Thanks Rebecca Fay and Valerie Yanni presented thanks to Diane Burdette, outgoing president.

Speakers

Neil Lasher, Security Neil Lasher introduced Officer John Lindner, “Officer John,” who is acting SRO through end of year. Neil cautioned parents about hosting underage drinking parties and noted that “juuling” is still rampant. Neil thanked IH PTSA for ongoing support.

Andrea McCormick, Principal Andrea McCormick expressed thanks and gratitude to IH PTSA for support, dialog, problem solving, grants, and programs. She cautioned that rumors around the SRO position are just rumors. She also spoke to the challenges in finding and hiring an SRO. Andrea announced that the bell schedule will be changed next year to include “advisory” time, which will be used for whole-child education, school business (academic, social, emotional), assemblies, and student tutoring time. The schedule change does not affect the start and end times, just how the day is scheduled. The district will be setting up a survey about the effort to get Issaquah, Skyline, and Liberty on consistent schedules. Lastly, Andrea noted that the goal for RSVP (fall registration process) is to be wholly online and eliminate extra paperwork.

Adjourned 10:40 a.m.

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