



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting

May 29, 2020
9:30 am

Via Zoom

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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 Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum was present. In attendance: Wendy M., Tracy Drake, Wendy Cummins, Victoria Evans, Kim Wilkinson, Valeria Yanni, Eloisa Yang, Heidi Fuhs, Sheila Barlow, Renee Barnes, Sara Carmichael, Satnam Purewal, Toni Hunter, Tanner Bourlier, Seika Brown, Kristin Allen-Bentsen, Amy Korb, Isabela Cline, Tara Moe, Kayla Ludlow, Marni Kilzi, Josi Beck, Carolyn Kennedy, Birgit Aarrestad, Lisa Dow, Tracie Jones, Sally Porter, Blyth Claeys, Laura Schmidt, Sathyapriya Kanan, Marni Kilzi, Cathy Habib, Janani Swaminathan, Tianqing Liu, and Kate Kelly.

President's Report (*Wendy Maruchek*)

Wendy Maruchek reported the following information:

- Thanks to the committee chairs and volunteers for everything they did for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Thanks to our speaker this month: IHS Assistant Principal Erin Connolly.
- Congratulations to our state Reflections® Award of Merit winner: Benjamin Eskenazi, Photography (9-12).
- Council Report: school construction updates: (1) Elementary #16 (Volpe property) to open in Sept. 2021; (2) Middle School #6 (Talus) - Open Sept. 2021; (3) ISD is still in mediation with the Providence Point HOA regarding construction on the Providence Heights property. The tentative opening date for Comprehensive High School #4 is Sept. 2022 or 2023. Once ground is broken on the site, the completion date will be firmed up.
- We received a Gold level Standards of Excellence Award at the PTA Convention.
- Board Transition Meeting: June 5, 2020
- Check issaquahhighptsa.org for the most current information about upcoming events

Business

Secretary's Report (*Alisa George*)

The April 24, 2020, minutes were reviewed, and filed as corrected.

Treasurer's Report (*Tracy Drake*)

Tracy presented the April 2020 Financial Report.

Tracy noted the following items:

- Income came primarily from the All Night Grad Party and Senior Yard Signs.
- Expenses were ACT/SAT Mock Tests – facility fee, Community Service honor cords, and a donation to Issaquah Schools Foundation – Nourish Every Mind.
- Results will be filed for financial reviews.
- Bank statements have been reviewed by a non-signer
- No claims have been made against our insurance.
- Please submit reimbursement requests to Tracy by June 16, 2020.
- The year-end financial review will be completed in July. Thank you to the financial review committee: Eloisa Tang, Tara Moe, Sally Porter, and Megan Haas.

Tracy presented the Budget Committee's recommendation for the Preliminary Budget for 2020-2021. The budget is similar to years past, but has been adjusted to be as lean as possible because we are anticipating possibly fewer members and donations due to the impact of Covid-19 on people's financial situation. One significant change is that the Staff Appreciation budget has been increased by \$500 to allow us to do something for staff in the Fall to make up for not being able to have an event this Spring. Another change is moving half of the Senior Events budget (\$2,150) to July for a possible event then. Moving half of the budget to the 2020-21 school year allows the committee to help 2020 seniors celebrate their July graduation ceremony without negatively impacting event funding for the 2021 seniors.

Tracy moves to approve the 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion was seconded, voice vote, motion passes.

Tracy thanked the members of the Budget Committee: Wendy Maruchek, Wendy Cummins, Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Tara Moe, and Valerie Yanni.

Business

Senior Scholarships Presentation

Lisa Dow presented the winners of our five Senior Scholarships in the amount of \$1K each. More than 40 applicants submitted an essay. Committee considered the students' essays and post-HS education plans. Winners were:

- Seika Brown - Cornell University Urban and Regional Studies
- Tanner Bourlier - UW Bothell, Biology and Pre-health med to be a physician's assistant
- Isabela Cline – Washington State University, Zoology pre-veterinarian studies
- Yennie Jun – Vanderbilt University, engineering and computer science
- Kayla Ludlow – BYU, major TBA

PTSA Outstanding Educator Awards

Each year our PTSA has the opportunity to recognize outstanding educators with the Outstanding Educator Award. This award is presented to an individual who has exhibited continued and dedicated contributions and efforts to enhance the educational outcomes of children or youth. Chair Marni Kilzi commented that IHS educators have gone above and beyond to make remote learning meaningful for their students. Students appreciated their efforts and nominated more individual educators across all categories for this award than ever before. This year, the Outstanding Educator Award goes to: Niko Hakes, Kathryn Kelly, and Tony Scaringi.

The Awards committee this year was comprised of Chair Marni Kilzi and members Sheila Barlow, Eloisa Tang, and Satnam Purewal. Marni thanked her Awards committee members for their service.

Speaker

The speaker, IHS Assistant Principal Erin Connolly, was introduced.

Erin reported that there have been three common questions from parents.

- (1) What is the plan for Freshmen-Juniors to return their school items? IHS is waiting on Governor's guidance, but the plan resembles senior stations but will probably not happen until after June 15 because IHS wants to be done with seniors before tackling the other students. Problem with senior stations was violations of social distancing.
- (2) What does next year look like? Nothing has been decided yet, but ISD is asking for input on a Thought Exchange. 70% of students indicated in survey that remote learning was going okay. Student feedback has been shared with teachers.
- (3) What is happening with alternate Senior Events? We have to be in Stage 4 to hold these events. Tentatively scheduled date for Prom is July 18, and Graduation is July 20, but it depends on whether we meet state reopening guidelines. Each phase lasts a minimum of 3 weeks, so as soon as we get notice that we can't possibly meet the timeline IHS will let everyone know (June 5 is magic date).

Business

Grants

(Sally Porter) Issaquah Speaks and Chinese field trip were cancelled so we have \$6,142 to award. The three requests we received are:

- (1) WebAssign - \$500. This program allows students to submit HW online, take mastery checks, get immediate performance feedback. We are being asked to fund half of the one-year \$1K subscription fee of \$1,000 – IHS will fund the other half. Would impact about 500 students.
- (2) AP Government Readers - \$1,000. This is a collection of works compiled into its own textbook. We are being asked to fund half of the \$2,000 cost – IHS will fund other half. Would impact 150 students annually. Would be good for six years.
- (3) Wall of Honor - \$3,000. This grant would create a physical recognition wall (modelled on the wall at Liberty High School) with plaques featuring the name and year of graduation for each IHS graduate who completes basic training for a branch of the military service. Recognition would be retroactive (would include alumni). service members. Plan is to send mailings to alumni to solicit names of people who have served in our military. Grant does not cover upkeep costs.

Committee moves to approve the WebAssign grant for \$500. Motion seconded. Voice vote, motion passes.

Committee moves to approve the AP Gov Readers grant for \$1,000. Motion seconded. Voice vote, motion passes.

Committee moves to approve the Wall of Honor grant for \$3,000. Motion seconded. Voice vote, motion passes.

Thank you to the Grants Committee members: Toni Berntsen, Kendra Hoffman, Karen Crowe, Agnes Huang, Tianqing Liu, and Heidi Fuhs.

Election of Officers

Secretary Alisa George read the relevant portions of Section 6 of the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws regarding the election of officers. President Wendy M. read Section 9 of our Standing Rules, which specifies our specific elected officers.

Valerie Yanni read the names of the slate of officers placed into nomination by the Nominating Committee :

For the office of Co-President: Kim Wilkinson
For the office of Co-President: Birgit Aarrestad

For the office of Secretary: Alisa George

For the office of Treasurer: Tara Moe
For the office of Assistant Treasurer: Bhavna Patel

For the office of Vice President, Hospitality: Rachel Stoner
For the office of Vice President, Hospitality: Laura Schmidt

For the office of Co-Vice President, Communications: Sheila Barlow
For the office of Co-Vice President, Communications: Satnam Purewal

For the office of Co-Vice President, Events: Heidi Fuhs
For the office of Co-Vice President, Events: Kristen Allen-Bentsen

For the office of Vice President, Outreach: Blyth Claeys

For the office of Co-Vice President, Programs: Wendy Cummins
For the office of Co-Vice President, Programs: Sathyapriya Kannan

Valerie will email a signed copy of the Nominating Report to Wendy M. Only one candidate is nominated for each office, so the slate is elected.

Designated check signers will be Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Tara Moe, and Kristen Allen-Bentsen.

Committee Reports

Membership (*Rene Barnes*)
1,159 members, 40 staff.

Events (*Sara Carmichael and Heidi Fuhs*)
Alternative Senior Events:

ANGP might occur in July if state allows. If it doesn't happen, refund will be available or ticket holders can donate ticket price to the PTSA.

Senior Farewell (Chair Valerie Yanni): Farewell will be a Facebook live event on June 10, 2020 at 6:30PM. Looking for hosts and performers and seniors photos or destination photos (due June 6). Teachers are nominating students to do Q&A.

Thank you to Jenell Tamaela for chairing the Senior yard signs.

Issaquah School Foundation (*Sara Carmichael*)

The Nourish Every Mind events were online daily the week of Monday, May 18, through Friday, May 22, 2020. All videos are posted on the Foundation's Events page on their website. Donations can be made through May 31st.

Hospitality (*Kim Wilkinson*)

Kim reported that Staff Appreciation week was online. Slide show to thank teachers was shared directly with staff. Link to video is posted on our FB page and website. We are planning a welcome back event for the Fall. Back to school luncheon will be box meals.

Parent Ed (*Heidi Fuhs*)

Heidi reported that "Navigating Remote Learning" live webinar with Q&A will be held via Zoom at 4:00 PM on April 29, 2020. Presenter will be the curriculum and instruction consultant organization Challenge Success.

Programs (*Victoria Evans and Wendy Cummins*)

Community Service: More than 18K volunteer hours were reported, 107 seniors were awarded honor cords and certificates. Thanks to Chair Nicole Garcia. The hours reporting link can be used by all students throughout their HS career to record their community service hours (hours volunteered any time after 8th grade promotion count). Link will remain open over the summer.

College and Career Planning: College 101 webinar with Sally Fouche now available on our website.

Reflections: theme for next year is “I Matter Because . . .” Looking for a co-Chair for next year.

The Board thanks its outgoing president, Wendy M. for her service.

Adjourned 11:38 AM

Next Meeting: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Alisa E. George, Secretary