



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah High School Career Center

May 8th, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order-Anne Watanabe and Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed.

President's Report- Cyn Baumert and Anne Watanabe

- Welcome: Cyn thanked Kristen Allen Bentsen for Chairing the Scholarship Committee.
- Cyn thanked Becky Gordon for her efforts in Chairing the Awards Committee.
- Cyn thanked Becky Gordon for her efforts in organizing Staff Appreciation for Echo Glen and Tiger Mountain schools.
- Cyn thanked Liz Herbst for Chairing Staff Appreciation Week.

Secretary's Report –Ellen Dieken (absent, Cyn Baumert served as Secretary)

- Cyn Baumert noted a summary of the financial review committee was missing (as presented by Anne Moore) and submitted the changes for inclusion to the minutes.
- Bertina Loeffler Sedlack – requested the list of nominees be amended to include her full last name.

Treasurer's Report-Diane Burdette (absent, Anne Watanabe presented the Treasurer's Report)

- The Financial reports are attached to the minutes.
- Chris Fisher reported that the April and May bank statements will be reviewed in June.

Committee Reports

Awards Chair - Becky Gordon

- Becky presented to the membership that our local unit was honored at the annual Washington State PTSA Convention with the Gold Award for Standards of Excellence, and also a Gold Award for Outstanding Communications Strategy. Becky thanked all of the Board members and Committee Chairs who contributed to meeting the criteria of managing their programs and committees, and played a vital role to our collective success in receiving this recognition.
- Outstanding Educator – Becky presented awards to Melanie Bonano and Andrea McCormick for their dedication to our students and community this year. Shannon Henderson, Kelly Henry, Alex Stevens, and David Wood will be presented awards at the upcoming staff meeting.
- Reflections – Becky reported that IH Student Julie Kwon had been honored at the National PTSA Level of Reflections with a Visual Arts Award of Merit.

Senior Scholarships – Kristen Allen Bentsen presented awards to the 2015 scholarship honorees - The scholarship committee was impressed by the community service, leadership, goal-setting and dedication these students exhibited at IHS. They will receive \$500 for their continuing education. We wish them well as they graduate from IHS, having left our school and community a better place

Staff Appreciation – Stacy Heller – Liz Herbst was coordinating the “Thanks a Latte” treats today which included hand delivered latte’s with a homemade cookie to staff members.

Motion by: Stacy Heller to increase the Staff Appreciation budget by \$325. Seconded; discussion, voted and approved unanimously.

Principal’s Report – Andrea updated the membership with graduation tips – counselors will be meeting with the senior class regarding last minute check lists, rules of conduct etc. Staffing and hiring for the 2015-16 school year are underway and staff changes will be announced at the end of the year. There is still room in several of the 7th period class options for the coming year, they are filled on a first come, first served basis. Parking will be managed differently in the new school year, as there will be a reduced number of spots available. Students must complete their culminating project requirements in their junior year for consideration for a parking spot. Details are available on line and in the counseling office to meet these requirements and submit the appropriate forms to qualify for a parking permit. Smarter Balance Testing, a majority of juniors had opted out of taking the Smarter Balance State Test.

Board Composition – Presidents elect Becky Gordon and Bertina Loeffler Sedlack presented to the membership their proposal for board positions for the 2015-2016 term.

Motion by Becky Gordon that #9 of the Standing Rules be updated as follows “The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee plus the chair(s) of the following committees: Best Practices, Advocacy and Membership. Each position or co-position holder is entitled to one vote at a Board meeting.” Seconded, discussion.

The motion was amended by Alison Meryweather to include that the Angel Chair also be added to the Board of Directors. Seconded, discussion, voted upon and failed 5 yes/22 no.

The original motion by Becky was seconded, discussion, voted upon and approved 24 yes/2 no.

The 2015-16 Standing Rules will be modified to reflect this motion.

Grant Committee – Onti Rosen presented summaries of the grants submitted for consideration.

Motion by: Kristen Allen Bentsen to fund economics textbooks up to 50% of the cost, not to exceed \$2,500. Seconded; discussion, voted and approved unanimously.

Motion by: Chris Fisher that up to \$1,900 be approved for calculators for the chemistry department. Seconded; discussion, voted and approved 25 yes/2 no votes.

Motion by: Kristen Allen Bentsen to fund the weight room purchase request not to exceed \$2,500. Seconded; discussion, voted and approved 24 yes/3 no.

Baccalaureate – Ami Maron – Event June 10, 7pm at Mary Queen of Peace in Sammamish. Ami reported that auditions are still being scheduled for the event. Additionally, Ellen Dieken will be the contact for all seniors to submit a photo for the event slideshow. Students should come dressed in their graduation gown, and bring caps along for photos, but they will not be worn in the church.

SAT/ACT Prep – Tricia Jerue – she is still evaluating program options for the 2015-16 year and working together with Andrea and her committee chair. An electronic survey went out to parents, please fill and return this survey for use by the committee.

Community Service Program – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack reported that honor cords will be distributed May 28 alongside cap and gown distribution. 173 students qualified for a community service honor cord this year.

Awards – Becky Gordon

Motion by: Becky Gordon that Officer Weihe be honored with a lifetime PTSA membership award in thanks for her service to HIS. Seconded, discussion, voted and

approved unanimously. Becky will order the appropriate items from WASTATE PTSA, with funds to come from the awards budget.

Healthy Youth – Dianne Bugge' presented information on the healthy youth survey results, also that the mock crash will be suspended this year, and in its place small group presentations were made to each English class and a companion video piece was delivered via iVision. Dianne passed out information on a Parent Ed program featuring Jerry Blackburn.

Financial Review Committee – Anne Moore presented the findings of the Financial Review Committee and in accordance with Section 4, of the SA Financial Checklist, asked questions to the Board during the meeting. The questions are detailed in the Washington State PTA Leadership, PTA and Law, Financial Review document and include: Financial Reports, Financial Procedures/Controls, Insurance and Tax Exempt Status. This fulfilled the duties of the Financial Review Committee.

Robotics Team update – Valerie Yanni congratulated the Robotics Team members on making it to the semi finals in the world championship competition held in St Louis.

Senior Celebration-Chris Fisher gave an update on the event: Bus sign ups will be held during lunch, party cost is \$168/student, Scholarships are available.

Fashion Show – Stephanie Morton provided a wrap up report of the fashion show. Over 20 clothing vendors and 80+ parent and student volunteers made this year's event a huge success. There were a lot of innovations this year and new twists in the presentation. Overall the event was deemed a huge success. Over 3,000 volunteer hours were put into the event, and if anyone is interested in taking over as Chairperson, please contact Stephanie.

Committee wrap up – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack created a new program evaluation form and is organizing a permanent PTSA Document Library to be housed on line so that all committee chairs and members have access to this resource. Please complete a program review form along with a timeline, budget and action item list and submit it to Bertina for inclusion in this library.

Advocacy – Allison Meryweather presented information on the upcoming teacher strike/one day walkout.

Procedural update – Valerie Yanni is now managing the PTSA website for all future postings.

ASB Updates – Erin Schiermeyer updated us with information from the auction, which raised \$10,800 of that total \$4,000 is going to prom expenses and \$2,500 going to NW Behavioral Associates. **Due to the amount of work involved, the auction might become an event which takes place every other year. The 8th grade welcome night BBQ will be held on June 8th at the school for all those interested. Homecoming will be September 26, 2015.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:52

Cyn Baumert (for Ellen Dieken)