



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Issaquah High School Library
October 10, 2013 at 6:30pm**

Welcome and Call to Order– Anne Watanabe & Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

President's Report

- Cyn acknowledged Tricia Jerue and Anne Watanabe for the Mock SAT Class.
- Update: The Board approved a \$250 budget line item for Communications at the October 2, 2013 Board meeting.
- The Recipe for Hope Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank Breakfast will be October 17th.
- Information regarding the Food Bank's Caring Through Sharing program is available. Julie Siefkes will look into details and figure out the best way for IHS to participate.
- IH PTSA will be a featured school at the Council meeting on November 7th at 9:30am in the ISD Admin Bldg. All Board Members are welcome to attend!
- Leg Assembly is October 18th and 19th. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Cyn.
- Fundraising breakfast for Friends of Youth will be December 3rd at Pickering Barn.

Secretary's Report – Kristin Behn

- The September 13, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Fisher

- September Financial Reports – The financial reports are attached to the minutes.
- Highlights include:
 - Exceeded \$25,600 for donations
 - Angel Program has almost \$6,000
- The August bank statement has been reviewed by third party reviewer, Kim Dreiblat.

ASB Report - Rebecca Chin, President

Homecoming theme is Let's Fly Away, an adventure theme. There has been Artic Day, Safari Day, and night activities including Lip Sync, Cram the Stands. All activities are designed to get the students involved and appreciate their friends in their different activities.

The charity of focus for Homecoming is Seattle Children's Hospital. The goal is to "stuff" a bus with donations of toys, stuffed animals, DVDs and books to benefit Seattle Children's Hospital. Donations will be accepted through the Homecoming Game Friday night.

Homecoming Assembly – Seahawks Golden Tate came to speak to the kids about Seattle Children’s Hospital and get them fired up to support the cause.

New Business

Fashion Show

The current Fashion Show line item is \$1000. Total expenses for 2012-13 were \$1434 and there are some other expenses expected for this year. Lisa Clawson made a request to increase the budget to \$1700. The breakdown of the Fashion Show proposed budget is attached.

Motion #1 Colleen Volk made a motion that the IH PTSA Board approve \$1700 as the budget line item for the Fashion Show. Seconded. Motion passed.

Proposed Service Honor Cords

Andrea and Dianne Laucius worked together to come up with the PTSA Community Service Honor Cords programs. The proposal is that students will need to volunteer 100 hours over four years in order to receive the cord. PTSA will provide the volunteers to track the hours and help give the students ideas of where to volunteer.

We will need a budget line item to buy the cords.

Motion #2 – Chris Fisher moved the IH PTSA approve \$750 for recognition cords for Service Honor Cord Program. Seconded. Motion passed.

VIS/Levy Presentation

Jake Kuper spoke about the 3 levies that will appear on February 11, 2014 ballot.

These are 3 renewal levies:

\$44 million - \$54 million for the Maintenance and Operations levy (classroom learning)

\$1.7 million School Bus levy

\$52 million Capital levy (classroom technology and critical repairs)

These are renewal levies, which means they will replace expiring levies and will minimally impact property taxes. The financial impact for each household is estimated to be less than 8 cents per thousand or \$40 per year on a \$500,000 house.

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools is the organization that runs the levies since the district can not run it. Anne Moore spoke and said that less than 35% of registered voters vote in special elections, and there are not enough ISD parents registered. Although these levies are Simple Majority levies (they pass with 50% +1 vote), there is a huge need to spread the word and to get people to register to vote.

Further information about the levies can be found at
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/levy2014/default.aspx>

Motion #3 - Sandi Lum made a motion that the IH PTSA endorse the levies for February, 2014. Seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- *Membership* – We currently have 1082 members. We are still about 100 behind last year at this point. There were a total of 1274 members by the end of the school year. She will continue the marketing plan through both the school and PTSA enews.
- *Senior Events* – 150 kids have signed up, and there will something for every student. Kimberly Undi still needs a Junior or Sophomore parent to shadow her throughout the planning.
- *Baccalaureate* will be June 11, 2014 at 7-pm at Mary Queen of Peace in Sammamish.
- *Reflections* – The turn in date is October 28th. Becky has copied the forms and placed them in the office; placed articles in the school and PTSA enews; and submitted information to iVision for an announcement. She is working on recognition for each of the participants.
- *Newcomers* – There will be a New to IHS Parent Social event on October 22, 2013. This event is intended for parents that are new to the District.
- *Angel Program* – This program is designed to help the underserved students (free and reduced lunch). The clothing closet is open and they are looking specifically for coats, hats and umbrellas. Haircuts, eye exams, senior photos, Christmas trees, gift cards have typically been available through the Angel Program. The whole program is confidential and is done before school opens.
- SAT/ACT classes have started.
- *Healthy Student* – The focus of this committee is to work with the school and community associations to reduce risky teenage behaviors. The Healthy Youth survey results are in and showed binge drinking is alarmingly on the rise.

The committee developed a *Where's the Party?* brochure (a parent education piece focused on how to host a party) and will get into the IH enews before Homecoming and will be handing it out at the Athletic Night for parents.

This committee is also working on a Parent Ed Night regarding marijuana, focusing on medical and legal issues and what it means to our community. They are hoping to do this in November or January.

The Skate Park will be closed soon and the City of Issaquah is looking for a new location.

St Michael's has offered a room for AA for Adolescents.

- *Website* – Please send anything that needs to be added to the website to Dianne Bugge.
- *Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF)* – The All in for Kids campaign is running and is an opportunity for everyone to give at *any* level to support students throughout the district. The Click It Days are October 11th and 25th and calling nights are November 12th and 14th. Give by November 4th to be pulled off of the call list.

IHS has benefitted from ISF through AP Environmental Sciences, Graphing Calculators, Afterschool Homework Labs, VOICE Mentor Programs, Forensic Science Class and much more.

ISF Battle of the Fans – This is the second annual fun, friendly competition and it will happen at the Skyline vs IHS football game on October 25th. There will be volunteers collecting donations in different school “buckets” to raise awareness for ISF. The winning school will be announced at halftime.

- *Tiger Mountain High School* - Alison Meryweather has a list of needs from Tiger Mountain for their Teen Center and will list it on the IH PTSA website. They also need adult volunteers to help in the Teen Center after school.
- *Talk About It! Phone Line* is up and running. This is a new online email program that district is using for students to be able to anonymously communicate with adults about subjects that they might not otherwise be comfortable talking about. Students can reach out to counselors and administrators re subjects varying from schedule changes to mental health issues to teacher issues. The goal is to create a safe environment for problem solving. The messages will be monitored throughout the school day and response will be by the next school day.

Meeting adjourned 8:28pm

Kristin Behn, Secretary