



**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Issaquah High School Conference Room  
November 15, 2013 at 9:30am**

**Welcome and Call to Order**– Anne Watanabe & Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:33am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

**President's Report**

- Cyn Baumert acknowledged the following people:
- Thank you to Sandi Lum for the posters and signage for PTSA.
- Thank you Becky Gordon for her efforts on Reflections.
- Thank you Maureen and Tabitha for the Newcomers Night.
- Thank you Lisa Griffith and Laura Freeman for their efforts with the directory. These will be going out today.
- Thanks to Diane Laucius and Dianne Bugge for their efforts with the Honor Cord program.
- We now have a facebook page. Please "Like" us!
- Anne Watanabe updated on several meetings, including Principal and Council meetings.  
New Teacher Evaluation system is going well. IHS and Skyline will be trying a 7<sup>th</sup> period schedule starting next semester. The High Schools are all getting mental health counselors from Swedish.
- Just a reminder that the IH PTSA endorsed the Levies last meeting.

**Secretary's Report** – Kristin Behn

- The October 10, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chris Fisher

- October Financial Reports – The financial reports are attached to the minutes.
- Highlights include:  
Exceeded \$26,065 for donations  
Angel Program has almost \$6,080
- The September bank statement has been reviewed by third party reviewer, Kim Dreiblatt.

Funding for the Start Strong program was approved in June 2013 for the upcoming fiscal year. An estimated amount of \$16,000 was entered into the financial statements at that time. However, when doing the tax return for 2012-13, it was determined actual expenses needed to be included, not estimated future expenses. To resolve this, Chris Fisher asked that the estimated \$16,000 be removed from June 2013 and instead place \$14,000 into this year's budget for Start Strong.

Bills are now being paid for actual expenses for the Start Strong training, but the home visits and parent training have not yet occurred.

***Motion #1 – Jody Mull made a motion that the Issaquah High PTSA approve moving the \$14,000 Start Strong expense from the 2012-13 financials to the 2013-14 financials. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.***

Steve from Matthew's Thriftway (to now be Matthew's Fresh Market) presented a check to PTSA for more than \$2,000. The new rewards program is a 1% rebate on all qualified purchases, which will come back to the school on a monthly basis. They are working on some new ways to help schools raise additional money, including electronic food drives and double donation days.

## **New Business**

A special funding request was presented for eight body microphones to be used in the Fine Arts Department. (The request is attached to these minutes.) Boosters is providing \$3500 towards the purchase of these microphones.

***Motion #2 – Anne Moore made a motion that the Issaquah High PTSA approve up to \$3500 for eight body microphones. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.***

***Motion #3 – Jody Mull made a motion Issaquah High PTSA approve Alison Meryweather, Marnie Kilzi, Becky Gordon, Stephanie Shipley as the 2014-15 Nominating Committee with Dianne Bugge and Diane Laucius as the alternates. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.***

***Motion #4 – Chris Fisher made a motion the Issaquah High PTSA approve Margaret Chalfant, Laura Freeman and Camille Vaska as the Financial Review Committee. Motion was seconded. Motion was passed.***

## **Erin Connolly, ASB Advisor**

Homecoming was a huge success with great turnout at the night events and the after school charity activity for Children's Hospital. They donated more than 1,500 toys and books to CH, and they were able to make a \$2,000 monetary donation.

There will be a Hunger Games Food Drive next week with class competitions. All food will be donated to the Issaquah Food Bank.

Winterfest is coming up and they are partnering with Garfield High School. There will be a book drive component as part of Winterfest to benefit a school in Nicaragua.

## **Committee Reports**

- *Membership* – We currently have 1138 members. Directories are going out today.
- *Newcomers* – There was a New to IHS Parent Social event on October 22, 2013. This event was intended for parents that are new to the District. It was a great way to bring new families into the High School fold and a way for people to connect with others at the school.
- *Reflections* – Becky showed some of the finalists for the Reflections program. The Council Reflections reception will be in January. She also showed the artwork from the LRC class that was funded by a grant.
- *Service Honor Cords* - Andrea and Diane Laucius worked together to come up with the PTSA Community Service Honor Cords programs. 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. There were several suggestions for marketing the program to students throughout the school. Please forward any suggestions to Diane Laucius.

- *Volunteers for Issaquah Schools* – Anne Moore updated on the levies. IH PTSA voted to endorse the levies last month. She passed out individual endorsement forms as well as car magnets. Further information about the levies can be found at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/levy2014/default.aspx>
- *Library* - Margaret Chalfant asked for more items for the Library. They are looking for old technology items, lamps, silk plants. Margaret would be happy to pick up items or items can be brought directly to the library.
- *Healthy Student* – They received approval to hand out the *Where's the Party?* brochure (a parent education piece focused on how to host a party) at the Athletic Night for parents.

PTSA has invited Officer Karen to attend each PTSA meeting and she will be at next month's meeting.

Issaquah Community Network is hosting a Parent Ed Night regarding marijuana, focusing on medical and legal issues and what it means to our community. There will be three nights: December 2 at Skyline, January 27 at Issaquah and February 6 at Liberty - all at 6:30pm.

- *Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF)* – The All in for Kids campaign has been running and it has been very successful so far, raising more than \$410,000. Students called over the two calling nights and made 9,180 calls and raised \$88,000.
- *Advocacy* – Contract negotiations will start in January. A parent survey will be coming out and is the opportunity for parents to share their thoughts about what they want to see in our education system. This is information the District can use during the negotiation to let the teachers know what the District families value.
- *Community Services* - Friends of Youth fundraiser breakfast will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pickering Barn. Funds raised will help bring more counselors into the schools to help our kids.
- *Angel Program* - \$6000 raised for the Angel Program so far this year. They will be spending it on gift cards for the families in need during the holiday season. The Angel Closet is open to anyone in need. Please bring clothing donations in to help fill the closet.

### **Julia Bamba, Interim Principal**

*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.

Julia encouraged us to have our students to register for the program.

*7<sup>th</sup> Period Options* – There will be a 7<sup>th</sup> period offered next semester to allow for more opportunities for students to take more classes or electives. Classes that will be offered will be posted right before Winter Break. Students will have to be registered two weeks after Winter Break.

*Teacher Evaluations* – There are two types of evaluations - comprehensive and focused evaluations. Each staff has a comprehensive evaluation every four years. Each teacher needs to have a building, district and individual assessment. The process is very detailed, but the evaluations are going smoothly. It is a great way for the teachers to reflect upon their current teaching practices. The biggest question raised during the conversation was “Where can parents and students to give feedback regarding specific teachers and staff?” Julia Bamba suggested emailing the administrators.

**Meeting adjourned 11:45am**

Kristin Behn, Secretary