



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Issaquah High School Conference Room
September 13, 2013 at 9:30am**

Welcome and Call to Order– Anne Watanabe & Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

President's Report

- Cyn acknowledged Picture Day Chairs Tricia Jerue and Lisa Gaan and Textbook Checkout Chair Ami Maron who together managed over 50 volunteers in one day in support of our school administrators. The "Welcome Back" Staff Luncheon committee consisting of Kimberly Undi, Jody Mull, Tabitha Mays and Sandy Noles were recognized as were Michelle Enebo and Julie Hart for creating and managing the new Staff Bio project. VP of Communications Sandi Lum was thanked for working over the summer to develop a new IH PTSA logo and produce banners and signage for the new year. Laura Freeman was commended for her work in kicking off the Membership campaign at the staff meeting as well as during New to IH Night and Curriculum Night.
- Announcements - No Council Update for today.

Secretary's Report – Kristin Behn

- The June 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Fisher

- June, July, August Financial Reports – The financial reports are attached to the minutes.
- Financial Review Committee Report – Margaret Chalfant, Linda Liske and Tina Weber served as the Financial Review Committee. Margaret presented the Financial Review Report and found that the IH PTSA books were in order. There were a few recommendations that Laura Freeman, former Treasurer, addressed. Their report is filed with these minutes.
- Approval of the 2013-14 Budget

Motion #1 Laura Freeman made the motion that the IH PTSA approve the 2013-14 budget as presented. Seconded. Motion passed.

- The June and July bank statements have been reviewed by third party reviewer, Kim Dreiblat.

Principal's Report – Andrea McCormick

Thank you to the PTSA volunteers for the opening to school.

The Start Strong Program began this summer for 40 students who are at risk of not graduating on time. The program ran for two full weeks for about 8-9 hours each day. Each student now has a laptop for the school year, as well as Comcast internet for the year. The teachers focused on:

- Exposing the students to the school clubs as a way for them to be involved in the school beyond academics,
- Teaching study skills
- Incentivizing on why high school is important with field trips and exposure to the doors high school can open for students in the future.

Follow up on the program is a check in with their Start Strong teachers from the summer, as well as home visits. Teachers are being paid and the teachers will serve as an ongoing coaches throughout their school experience.

Home visits were supposed to be conducted through the summer, but there were a number of scheduling issues with the staff and families. The visits will start later this month.

Graduation will be held at Key Arena on Friday, June 13 at 1pm.

A python is lost in the school. Animal control was contacted and they were unable to find the snake. There is no risk to anyone in the school.

Talk About It – 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.

IHS Student count is just below 2000.

The school website will be changing, making it more uniform with all of the schools throughout the District. The site will roll out in a couple of weeks.

Enews format has also changed. Please send anything that needs to go out to Camille Vaska and she will be in contact with Andrea.

PSAT/SAT testing will happen October 16th during the school day. Seniors may retake the SATs. Juniors and Sophomores will be able to take the PSAT.

The Academic Activity Bus will happen Monday - Thursday. There will be more information out in Monday's Enews.

Andrea is pregnant. Her last day will be October 2nd and she will return January 6th.

ASB Report – Tim Baynes

Homecoming Week is October 7-11th, with the dance on Oct 12th 8:30-11pm. Highlights of Homecoming Week will be Lip Sync Night, Fireworks after the football game, and a charity for everyone to rally around.

NHS Community Fair will be happening during the PSAT/SAT testing. Houston Craft and other speakers will present for a couple of hours about how to be good community stewards, both in school and community. 20-40 groups will be set-up for the kids to visit for the final hour.

New Business

- Approval of 2013-14 Standing Rules

Motion #2 – Chris Fisher made a motion that the IH PTSA approve the 2013-14 Standing Rules as presented. Seconded. Motion passed.

- Stacy Feinsilber and Marnie Kilzi offered to be the Council Voting Delegates.

Committee Reports

- Newsletter – Camille Vaska

The deadline for getting something into the school enews will be Thursdays at 5pm. Please keep your items very brief and send them to Camille Vaska. She will streamline communication to Andrea.

The deadline for the PTSA monthly Newsletter is the Friday before the GM Meeting. The next deadline is October 4th.

- Membership – Laura Freeman

We currently have 1003 members, about 100 fewer than last year at this time. There are, however, 60 people listed with one spouse only and efforts will be made to sign these spouses up.

- VP Volunteers – Ami Maron

Many volunteers have been busy with the start of the school year, including those working on Emergency Backpacks, Picture Day (36 volunteers) and Textbook Checkout (24 volunteers). Thank you.

Tricia Jerue needs additional proctors for the Mock PSAT on September 21st.

Key Club needs parent volunteers to help oversee student tutors up at the YWCA in the Highlands 3:45-5:45 on Wednesdays.

Kimberly Undi needs a shadow for Senior Party in preparation for next year. Preparations are being made for the different Senior events.

Communications is in need of an IH PTSA facebook manager.

- Library Committee – Margaret Chalfant

Margaret is working with the new librarian to make the library more inviting. The librarian is asking for donations of small table lamps, plants, old technology items (old typewriter type items), rugs, globes. Please contact Margaret Chalfant or the librarian if you have anything to donate.

- Other –

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS) is the group that helps pass the levies for the School District. There will be three levies this year and the election will be February 11, 2014. More information will be available at the October 10th PTSA General Membership meeting.

Fashion Show – Save the Date - March 28th. They are in need of volunteers, models, and more. Please visit Issaquahfashion.com for more information.

Issaquah Schools Foundation – The annual All in for Kids Campaign is running now. Please donate on the Foundation website issaquahschoolsfoundation.org and you will be pulled of the calling lists. Calling Nights are November 12 and 14th. Student callers receive money for their Clubs at the school.

Angel Fund is organizing a clothing closet for students in need and it will open on September 23. They are in need of larger sizes for boys, including fleece, sweatshirts and jeans.

Advocacy –Betsy will be posting everything about advocacy on the website. The PTSA Legislative survey to help identify priorities for the State PTA platform will be online through the PTSA website and through the school enews.

Healthy Student Support - The focus 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 on the rise. The committee is working on parent education, especially prior to homecoming on how to host a party. They will also work on a brochure prior to the marijuana law coming into affect.

Drug Free Community Coalition applied for and received a federal grant to prevent prescription drug, alcohol and marijuana abuse. The grant is for \$125,000 every year for the next 10 years.

Special Services – Bowling will start soon.

Meeting adjourned 11:28am

Kristin Behn, Secretary