

November 15, 2012
General Membership Meeting
Board of Director's Meeting
Issaquah High PTSA, Unit 2.6.45

Joint General Membership And Board Of Directors Meeting

Issaquah High School

Proper notice was given to all members – a quorum was present.

Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Principal's Report – Paula Phelps

Paula thanked the PTSA for the iPads which the teachers are using with great success in the classroom already. The teachers have been developing and sharing ways of integrating them into the classroom.

The building leadership team that Paula is developing is working on a plan which incorporates a coordinated approach to welcome the ELL and challenged student population into the school. She is exploring ways to partner with the PTSA. One way in which we are already coordinating is through the Angel program, which is helping redefine the way our community is engaging with students with need.

This month Paula had teachers complete an exercise in which they evaluated each other's websites for navigability. They spent time reviewing content, ease of use and other aspects of the websites in order to better understand how the websites are used by students/parents.

IHS continues to participate in the new Washington State Teacher/Principal Evaluation Pilot – for complete information visit <http://tpep-wa.org/>.

President's Report – Blair Baumer

- Acknowledgements: Blair thanked all of those attending the first evening meeting of the year. Blair acknowledged the work of Susan Hegedus on the Directory, Anne Watanabe for Membership and Debbie Sexton for the Newsletter.
- Announcements: IH PTSA received the Bronze Level Award for Membership
- The Directory will be out shortly, if you know of people who did not receive one have them contact Membership to make sure they have joined.

Council Report

Caring Through Sharing is being managed a little differently this year, Pickering Barn will become a “department store” for clients so that they can do their own shopping. Please contact the Issaquah Food Bank if you would like to participate/donate/volunteer.

Council continues to be involved in the Homework study, for more information see <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/?s=homework&searchsubmit> for an excellent recap by Betsy Cohen.

Secretary's Report - Cyn Baumert:

- October meeting minutes were presented and filed.
- The Forensic Science class sent a note thanking the membership for funding.

Treasurer Report -Laura Freeman:

- October financial reports were presented and filed. All fundraising efforts are on track for the year, and membership financial goal was met.
- October bank statements were reviewed by Kim Dreiblatt.
- Bank Of America – a new account will be established to manage our Paypal funds. **MOTION** – Colleen Volk moved that IH PTSA open an account at BofA to manage our paypal funds, seconded, discussion, voted upon and passed.
- A **Financial Review Committee** was appointed by Blair as follows: Onti Rosen, Chris Fisher and Kim Drieblatt. The appointment was approved by the Board of Directors.

New Business:

- **Special Funding Requests:** LRC classroom requested a special duplicate paper supply to assist in note-taking to meet 504/IEP requirements. **MOTION** – Colleen Volk moved that IH PTSA allocate \$387.99 for the purchase of specialty paper. Motion seconded, discussion, voted upon and passed.
- **Nominating Committee** – the following were nominated and approved as the 2012-2013 NomComm, Lisa Gaan, Betsy Cohen and Colleen Volk.

Committee Reports:

- Advocacy – Betsy Cohen reported that 2013 Legislative Focus Day will be January 24, in Olympia. If you are interested in joining her there will be a rally in Olympia and she may charter a bus to transport members from our area. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about issues, meet legislators, speak up and spread the word. Please contact Betsy or visit http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html for more information.
- Angel Program –Laurie Foreman presented information on a coat/jacket/jeans/shoe/logowear drive that she is coordinating with school and counseling staff. A clothing rack will be set up at school where items are catalogued and available to students who are in need. She is going to publicize it on iVision as well as with the counselors to generate awareness. If you are interested in donating/volunteering, please contact Laurie.
- Debbie Sexton called for enews submissions, the deadline is Thursday prior to the newsletter release.
- Senior Party – Colleen announced that there are already 263 students signed up to attend.

Upcoming Events

- 12/19-1/1 No School – First Winter Break
- 1/17 IH PTSA Meeting 9:30 am IHS Office
- 1/21 No School – Martin Luther King
- 1/23-1/25 Finals
- 1/26 Mock ACT
- 2/2 Mock SAT

Meeting Adjourned – 7:42pm