



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting IHS Conference room

February 14, 2020
9:30 am

Our PTSA Mission

To expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning and social environment at IHS through programs, volunteers, advocacy, and financial support.

Call to Order Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 9:31am and led introductions. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum was present. A sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

President's Report (*Wendy Maruchek*)

Wendy Maruchek reported the following information:

- Wendy thanked the individuals and groups who volunteered at or contributed to the following events:
 - Our speakers this month: Campus Security Officer Neil Lasher, IHS Principal Andrea McCormick, and College & Career Specialist Charolett Henderson.
 - *Staff Breakfast (Nov. 20)*: Chairs Lida Buckner & Sandra Puliezi, and volunteers/ contributors: Karen Crowe, Carmela Gellos, Tianqing Liu, Carri Christianson, Terri Sanders, Mei Lee, Wendy Maruchek, Barb Dolliver, Elaine Eckert, Lynda Corcorran, Sylvia Chin, Ellen Yoon, Danielle Graham, Dallas Serumgard, Sara Carmichael, Sue Richards, Kathy DeCaprio, Victoria Evans, Carol Stuckey, Lynda Corcorran, Joslyn Rucker, Cynthia Lydum, Stephanie Shipley, Cindy Wong, and Tracie Jones
 - *New Family Ambassadors (Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 Capri Cellars Mixers, Dec. 11 Molbak's)*: Chairs Amber Zielinski & Rebecca Fay
 - *Mock SAT/ACT Test Proctors (Nov. 23)*: Yan Philippe, Amrita Kalkura, Tracie Kinsley
 - *Angel Program (Dec.)*: Joanne Wrightson & Jen Crewe
 - *Staff Breakfast (Dec. 18)*: Chairs Lida Buckner & Sandra Puliezi, and volunteers/ contributors: Tracie Jones, Jaime Crothers, Steffeny Wood, Joslyn Rucker, Kim Wilkinson, Nathalie Isensee, Terri Sanders, Victoria Evans, Elaine Eckert, Sara Carmichael, Dallas Serumgard, Danielle Graham, Tianqing Liu, Vidya Persaud, Carol Stuckey, Barb Dollier, Wendy Maruchek, Sylvia Chin, Sheila Barlow, and Carmella Gellos
 - *New Family Ambassadors (Jan. 29 Coffee With the Principal)*: Chairs Amber Zielinski & Rebecca Fay
 - *Staff Breakfast (Jan. 8)*: Chairs Lida Buckner & Sandra Puliezi, and volunteers/ contributors: Meng Qian, Carmela Gellos, Tianqing Liu, Sheila Barlow, Lisa Small, Wendy Cummins, Wendy Maruchek, Barb Dolliver, Elaine Eckert, Lauren Bartholomew, Daphne Lenhardt, Dallas Serumgard, Sara Carmichael, Sue Richards, Kim Wilkinson, Barb Howe, Victoria Evans, Carol Stuckey, Christina Johnson, Laurie Staats, Jaime Crothers, and Tracie Jones
 - *Healthy Student (Feb. 3 One Love Escalation Workshop)*: Chairs Jill Zehnpfennig & Yogini Kulkarni Sharma, and speaker Sarah Bigler from One Love Foundation
 - *Community Service Program*: Chairs Pamela Krueger (outgoing) and Nicole Garcia (incoming), hours reporting app programmer Michael Maruchek
 - *Winter Grants Committee*: Chairs Sally Porter & Shalini Bansal, and committee members Valerie Yanni, Kendra Dukes, Amy Hoffman, Wendy Cummins, and Victoria Evans
 - *Senior Scholarship Committee*: Chair Lisa Dow, and committee members Wendy MacDonald, Valerie Yanni, Heidi Fuhs, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Victoria Evans, and Wendy Cummins

- Wendy congratulated our District Reflections winners: Finalists Moving to State – Olivia Wang, Music Composition (9-12), *Resistance*; Olivia Wang, Photography (9-12), *The Wicked Within*; Adya Mohapatra, Literature (9-12), *I'll Write the Future for Us*; Benjamin Eskenazi, Photography (9-12), *Submerged in Self-Reflections*; Honorable Mention – Julianna Carragher, Music Composition (9-12), *Look Within*; Brandon Yeo, Visual Arts (9-12), *An American Bird's Dream*
- Volunteer Opportunities: Co-chair – Acorn/Advocate Awards, Co-chair – Outstanding Educator Award, Senior Scholarships Committee (need 2), PE 5K Snack Coordinator (June), 2020 Fall Safety Backpack Coordinator, 2020 Fall Picture Day
- Next Membership meeting will be on March 20, 2020 @ 9:30am
- Check issaquahhighptsa.org for the most current information about upcoming events

Business

Secretary's Report (*Alisa George*)

The November 15, 2019, minutes were reviewed, and filed as presented.

Treasurer's Report (*Tracy Drake*)

Tracy Drake presented the Nov & Dec. 2019 and January 2020 Financial report.

Tracy Drake reported on the following items:

- Income highlights: majority from corporate matching (125% of budget YTD) and All Night Grad Party
- Expenses: Grants and All Night Grad Party
- The bank statements have been reviewed by Eloisa Tang (a non-signer).
- Insurance coverage has been reviewed and policy has been renewed. There were no new claims made.
- Chair solicitations renewal complete and filed
- Nonprofit Organization Annual Report has been filed.
- Mid-year Financial Review was completed in January 2020. Tracy presented the completed financial review checklist and reported that there were no findings.

Business

Vote to Approve Mid-year Financial Review

Tracy Drake moved to accept the Financial Review. Heidi Fuhs seconded. Voice vote, motion was approved.

Vote for Nominating Committee

Election of officers for the 2020-2021 school year will be held in the spring at a general membership meeting. A Nominating Committee shall be elected to identify nominees for the board of director positions. The Nominating Committee should be three to five people. Each member must have been a PTSA member for at least 30 days prior to serving on the committee. Names put forth to serve on the Nominating Committee are Kim Wilkinson, Rebecca Faye, and Valerie Yanni. Victoria Evans moved to approve the committee nominations. Sara Carmichael seconded. Voice vote, motion passes.

Approval of Grants (*Sally Porter*)

Three grant requests were submitted.

First is self-defense mats to serve 400 PE students per semester. Amount requested is \$1,818. Grant committee recommends approval of grant for self-defense mats. Kristen Allen-Bentsen seconded. 18 votes, 18 yes. Grant is approved.

Second is non-transportation expenses of cultural immersion field trip to Wing Luke Museum and kung-fu class to serve 14 students enrolled in Chinese 3 class. Amount requested is \$336. Grant committee recommends approval of grant for field trip expenses. Valerie Yanni seconded. 18 votes, 18 yes. Grant is approved.

Third is for prize money for winning presenters in the ASB-sponsored Issaquah Speaks! event to be held on April 10. ASB class will identify winners using criteria, and the first, second, and third place winners will receive checks for \$250, \$100, and \$50, respectively, from the IHPTSA. Grant committee recommends approval of grant for Issaquah Speaks! prize money. Kristin Allen-Bentsen seconded. 18 votes, 18 yes. Grant is approved.

Remaining Grant budget after these grants is \$5,406. Andrea McCormick's asks will be coming later in Spring

PTSA Individual Awards

(Marni) Nominations for Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate are due February 23, 2020 (the Sunday after break). Nomination forms are online at <http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/Awards>.

Speaker

The first speaker, Neil Lasher, Campus Security Officer, was introduced.

Stop the Bleed ("STB") kit update: SRO from Skyline and Neil hosted 11 people for training last Wednesday and handed out nine of the kits. Several teachers and counselors have told Neil that they would like to have a kit in their car. Neil received positive feedback on the training and will schedule more training in the next couple of months. Neil anticipates asking for additional STB kits next year. His ultimate goal is to have one in each classroom and strategically deployed in AED boxes throughout the school. 25 vape detectors (and 12 decoys) will be installed in the high schools, several will be at IHS. Hardwired vape detectors will ping Neil's security monitor so he can turn on cameras and see who is coming out of the bathroom or visit the bathroom. On Monday, smoking in a bathroom set off the fire alarm and caused a campus evacuation. ISD is 1st district in state to have emergency water for every student and staff member. IHS has three pallets of water with a 10-year expiration date.

Speaker

The next speaker, Charolett Henderson, College & Career Specialist, was introduced.

Charolett showed the College & Career website (<https://sites.google.com/site/issaquahhsccc>). This is a good place to find lots of information to steer you through high school, even starting as early as Freshman year. Students can always drop in. C&CC is here to support your student through the process. Website also lists opportunities for parents. Senior Exit Interviews are coming up on March 11, and this is a great way to see where IHS students are going. C&CC also coordinates college visits, scholarships, military recruitment, WANIC program, and manage High School and Beyond plans. It also has volunteer and internship opportunities. Running Start Program (about half of IHS students access RS in some capacity). STEM to Stern program at Bellevue College is good for students interested in STEM fields. On March 4, there will be a College Fair during NEST for Juniors and Sophomores. 30 colleges will be attending, including UW. C&CC also will be putting together a panel discussion for seniors about what to do after you've been accepted to a college.

Speaker

The final speaker, IHS Principal Andrea McCormick, was introduced.

Andrea reported that courses selections were due yesterday. A record number of students inputted all 7 classes and they will start building the master schedule. June calendar is published on the 2019-2020 NEST calendar. June 17-23 are all special schedule days. Senior finals June 8-10, graduation June 12. There will be two additional Saturdays where students can "access their education" for purposes of meeting the state school minutes requirement. These won't really be finalized until March when we're safe from snow days. Look in the eNews after the February break. June 17-22 will be finals for everyone else. Last day of school is currently slated to be June 23. AP testing will be over about three weeks in May, starting May 4. Parent question about the lunchroom running out of food—Andrea says they

never run out of meals, but they do run out of certain meal choices. The meals are prepared based on trend estimates. Brian Olson oversees the food program.

Committee Reports

Parent Ed (*Heidi Fuhs*)

Feb. 27 "Help! My Teen is Dating!" 7:00pm at IHS

"The Upstanders," March 25 7:00pm at IHS film documentary and discussion

Issaquah School Foundation (*Sara Carmichael*)

Sara reported that the Nourish Every Mind events will be May 8 (luncheon) and May 19 (breakfast) at Eastridge Church. Due to the location, the lunch will be limited to 600 guests.

Impact Scholarships – The Foundation awards 2 scholarships to students who describe how Issaquah Schools Foundation-funded programs have enriched their education. The deadline for Impact Scholarship essays is Feb. 21.

The next Dining for Kids will be March 4 at Big Fish Grill.

Foundation grants have been distributed by the Banner Brigade. IHS grant was for self-defense mats (shared funding with PTSA)

Outreach (*Valerie Yanni*)

Valerie reported that parents who are interested in going on a tour in March of The Garage: A Teen Cafe hang-out spot can contact her. She wants to help parents be more aware of The Garage as a resource.

Hospitality (*Kim Wilkinson*)

Kim reported the next Staff Breakfast still has a lot of openings – check the sign-up sheet on our website.

Adjourned 11:03am

Next Meeting: March 20, 2020 9:30am IHS Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Alisa E. George, Secretary