



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting Via Zoom

May 18, 2021
7:01pm

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 Kim Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum was present. In attendance: Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Alisa George, Tara Moe, Rachel Stoner, Laura Schmidt, Wendy Maruchek, Satnam Purewal, Nicole Garcia, Wendy Cummins, Sathya Kannan, Heidi Fuhs, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Carla Geraci, Josi Beck, Raquel Koz, Cynthia Lydum, Lauren Bartholomew, Marisa Garcia Struck, Toni Hunter, Shamitha Sridharan, Tianqing Liu, Allison May, Chanju Lee, Julie Gamble, Christine Varzali, and Janani Swaminathan.

President's Report (*Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad*)

Kim Wilkinson reported the following information:

- Thanks to our May and April volunteers:
 - *College and Career Planning Entrepreneurship Webinar* – Chair Tracie Kinsley and speaker Kim Guarino Bulger
 - *Staff Appreciation Week* – Laura Schmidt, Rachel Stoner, and Amy Korb
 - *College and Career Planning Essay Writing Workshop* - Chair Tracie Kinsley, Wendy Maruchek (Zoom and EventBrite registrations); Speakers Ruth Schauble, Lisa Hanson, Nhein Quach, and Larissa Marple (ARROW Asst. Director)
 - *Awards Committee Outstanding Educator* – Chair Carla Geraci and volunteers Wendy Cummins, Shamitha Sridharan
 - *Senior Scholarships Committee* – Chair Lisa Dow and volunteers Sathya Kannan, Teresa Fornia, Cyd Morgan, and Amy Korb, thank you also to IHS staff Jennifer Marbut for helping to verify eligibility
- Thanks to our speaker this month: IHS Principal Andrea McCormick
- Check issaquahhighptsa.org for the most current information about upcoming events

Secretary's Report (*Alisa George*)

The April 23, 2021, minutes were reviewed and filed as presented

Treasurer's Report (*Tara Moe*)

Activity Highlights

Tara presented the April 2021 Financial Report; light activity in April; expenses included \$500 for Student Academic Fund, \$1,500 for Teacher Classroom Fund, \$3,324 for Senior Yard Signs, \$1,797 for Staff Appreciation Week, and \$750 for our annual donation to the Issaquah Schools Foundation "Nourish Every Mind" event; a non-signer, Bhavna Patel, reviewed the April bank statements

Our Financial Review will take place in July. Committee is Heather Bratton, Wendy Maruchek, and Bhavna Patel.

Business

Approval of Preliminary 2021-2022 Budget

Tara presented the proposed Preliminary Budget for 2021-2022. Budget committee has compiled the proposed budget for next year based on input from board members and committee chairs about anticipated expenses for the rest of this year, and any increases or decreases that should be made for next year based on the pre-COVID level of expenditures; income projection is based on 1,000 members (up from approximately 840 this year), and \$25,000 from Pass the Hat

MOTION 1 Tara moved to approve the 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Tara thanked the members of the Budget Committee: Tara Moe, Kaiyu Yan, Wendy Cummins, Sathya Kannan, Lisa Small, Heidi Fuhs, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, and Natasha De Los Reyes.

Speaker

The speaker, IHS Principal Andrea McCormick, was introduced.

Principal McCormick reported that:

- It should be clarified that the possible return to four-day-a-week attendance depends on meeting a threshold number of cases per day—fewer than 200 cases for five days in a row; we’re approaching that number and may hit it by the end of this week; that means that four-day-per-week school would start June 1 at the earliest; at that level, desks will be three feet apart; lunches will remain the same but students will have to repick seats
- Costco/ISD vaccine clinic will take place at IHS on Thursday and Friday (“B” schedule days); June dates will be Tuesday (June 8) and Wednesday (June 9) (“A” schedule days); the June clinic won’t impact finals (more details in eNews to come soon); many students are waiting until they are fully vaccinated to return in person
- Senior information has gone out; still waiting for confirmation on seating arrangements from T-Mobile; IHS has prepared based on the maximum restrictions, but parents should be aware that restrictions may loosen; blankets have been ordered for senior breakfast on June 9, seniors will be seated on the grass to watch the slide show and exit through the traditional teacher tunnel
- Summer school eNews will come out in the next day or so; will be in-person five days per week
- School Board has announced that ISD intends to open fully, five days a week in the Fall; masking and other health protocols will depend on then-current public health guidance
- ISD has not decided whether it will require students to be vaccinated to return to school in the Fall
- City of Issaquah is hosting listening sessions to gather community input on the topic of school resource officers; session for IHS specifically will be tomorrow night; 5:30pm for parents and 7:30pm for students
- Boundaries have not been finalized yet for HS feeder patterns because of uncertainty regarding the opening date for comprehensive high school #4

Business

Grants *(Christine Varzali)*

We have \$5,000 to award. We received six requests totalling \$4,795.64. The requests are:

- (1) ASB: 10 Walkie Talkies for assemblies, \$198.17
- (2) ASB: 2 microphones with headsets for assemblies, \$127.98
- (3) Veronique Silverman: French magazine subscription (Scholastic), \$544.42
- (4) LRC2 Program: paper shredder for pre-vocational training, \$249.97
- (5) Bridget Jones: student art gallery (fixtures and lighting), \$3,000.00
- (6) College & Career Center: two large banners for bulletin boards, \$675.00

MOTION 2 Committee moves to approve the ASB Communications System grant for \$198.17. Voice vote, motion passes.

MOTION 3 Committee moves to approve the Event Headset Microphones grant for \$127.98. Voice vote, motion passes.

MOTION 4 Committee moves to approve the French Magazine Subscription (Scholastic) grant for \$544.52. Voice vote, motion passes.

MOTION 5 Committee moves to approve the Jobs Skills and Functional Goals grant for \$249.97. Voice vote, motion passes.

MOTION 6 Committee moves to approve the Student Art Gallery grant for \$3,000.00. Voice vote, motion passes.

MOTION 7 Committee moves to approve the IHS C&CC Bulletin Boards grant for \$675. Voice vote, motion passes.

Thank you to the Grants Committee members: Chair Christine Varzali, and Wendy Cummins, Carla Geraci, Agnes Huang, and Kim Wilkinson

Senior Scholarships Presentation

Wendy Cummins and Sathya Kannan presented the winners of our seven Senior Scholarships in the amount of \$750 each. Committee considered the students' essays and post-HS education plans. Winners were:

- Abi Chinn - University of Washington, major TBD
- Erin Freese - Washington State University, major in Business Marketing
- Clara Halling - University California Los Angeles, major in Psychology
- Julia Kwon - University of Washington, major Early Childhood Family Studies
- Amira Narvaez - Community College program to become a Registered Nurse
- Emily Robinson - University of Washington, major in Computer Science
- Sasha Shunko - Claremont McKenna, major in Economics

Thank you to the Senior Scholar Committee Chair Lisa Dow and volunteers Sathya Kannan, Teresa Fornia, Cyd Morgan, and Amy Korb

Committee Reports

Membership *(Nicole Garcia)*

815 Family members, 43 staff members, 858 total members

Programs *(Wendy Cummins)*

Community Service

95 seniors qualified for the cord as of the May 1, 2021, deadline; cords and certificates will be distributed tomorrow at cap and gown pickup; 18,389 hours given back to the community; underclassmen can continue to enter hours throughout the summer

Reflections™

Congratulations to Aashika Vishwanath, whose dance choreography entry, "I'm Who I Am and I'm Complete," received an Award of Excellence at the national competition; theme for 2021-2022 is "I Will Change the World By . . ."

Outreach *(Birgit Aarrestad for Blyth Claeyes)*

New Family Ambassadors

This month's gathering will be at Capri Cellars on May 25 from 6:30-8:00pm; Co-Chairs are Cathy Habib and Lisa Hill

Parent Education

- School Resource. Officer (SRO) Listening Session for IHS, May 19, family 5:30-7:00pm, students 7:30-9:00pm
- 2021 Action Forum for Youth by Influence the Choice, May 19, 11:30am-1:00pm

Hospitality *(Laura Schmidt and Rachel Stoner)*

Staff Appreciation Week was May 3-7; school was decorated and staff got keepsake mugs with a COVID word cloud with words submitted by the staff themselves; offered a Chipotle catered lunch on one day

Events *(Heidi Fuhs and Kristen Allen-Bentsen)*

Senior Events

Chair Cynthia Lydum reported that the committee will be decorating for cap and gown pick up tomorrow; the senior breakfast and slide show will be the Wednesday before graduation (June 9); our Senior celebration "Picnic at the Park" will take place on June 6, from noon-5:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park; registration is required

Communications *(Wendy Maruchek and Satnam Purewal)*

Social Media

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Issaquah Schools Foundation *(Heidi Fuhs)*

- "Nourish Every Mind" virtual fundraiser reached 79% of its goal—thank you!!; inspirational program can be viewed at isfdn.org; donations can be made at any time
- Academic Grants for ISD Students, K-12 are now available; up to \$500 per student to pay for tutoring/academic assistance; apply by June 4 at isfdn.org
- Four applications were received for the student trustee positions; interviews will take place soon and new Student Trustees will be announced by the end of the school year

Other Opportunities

Committee Positions for 2021-2022

We are looking to fill in the committee chairs over the next few weeks; if you have time to give, please consider volunteering for a committee head position

New to IHS Night

New to IHS Night will be held on August 30 sometime between 4:00-8:00pm; we are planning for this to be in person

Adjourned 8:41PM

Respectfully submitted,

Alisa E. George, Secretary