



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting

September 17, 2021
9:30 AM

Via Zoom

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 9:30am. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum was present. In attendance: Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Tracy Drake, Tara Moe, Lisa Small, Raquel Koz, Christy Smith, Natasha De Los Reyes, Wendy Maruchek, Shalini Bansal, Molly Dorr, Amy Korb, Julie Gamble, Linda Inagawa, Shannon Lampman, Karissa Mobilia, Chanju Lee, Tracie Jones, Wendy Cummins, Heather Bratton, Janani Swaminathan, Alisa George, Terri Hinz, Carolyn Kennedy, Laura Schmidt, Karla Knickerbocker, Danielle Graham, Sujin Kang, Greta LaMont, and Heidi Fuhs.

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

- Agenda documents can be found on our
- Thanks to our September volunteers:
 - *New to IHS Night*– Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Wendy Cummins, Tracie Jones, and Natatsha De Los Reyes
 - *Picture Day*–Birgit Aarrestad, Shamitha Sridharan, Amy Koch, Natasha de los Reyes, and Nada Alwarid
 - *New Family Ambassadors*– Cathy Habib and Lisa Hill
 - *FACE* - Wendy Maruchek, Marisa Garcia Struck, and Chanju Lee
- Student and Staff Spotlight Series - looking for staff and students to highlight - email ihptsapresidents@gmail.com
- Thanks to our speaker(s) this month: IHS Principal Erin Connolly and Kurtis Evans
- Check issaquahhighptsa.org for the most current information about upcoming events

Secretary's Report (*Tracy Drake*)

The May 18, 2021, minutes were reviewed and filed as presented.

Treasurer's Report (*Tara Moe*)

- The August 2021 Financial Report was reviewed.
 - Income
 - \$8,475 from Memberships
 - \$17,825 from Pass The Hat
 - \$6,885 from Angel Program donations
 - \$2,700 ACT/SAT Mock Tests
- The annual Financial Review took place on July 22, 2021. Thank you Wendy Maruchek, Heather Bratton, and Bhavana Patel. Everything looked good. Suggestion to request the membership roster at the end of the year from Membership Director.

- o **MOTION 1** Wendy Cummins moved to approve the Financial Review as presented. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- The proposed 2021-22 budget was reviewed. Suggest decreasing Pass the Hat income, increasing Salmon Days Parking income, and decreasing Council Fees due to no longer having to pay for Survey Monkey.
 - o **MOTION 2** Tara Moe moved to approve the 2021-22 budget as presented.. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- A non-signer, Bhavana Patel, reviewed the June bank statement.
- A non-signer, Kaiyu Yan, reviewed the July and August bank statements.

New Business

- The 2021-22 Mission Statement and Goals were reviewed and approved by membership (see attached motion).
 - o **MOTION 3** Wendy Maruchek moved to approve the 2021-22 Mission and Goals as presented.. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- The 2021-22 Standing Rules were reviewed.
 - o **MOTION 4** Chanju Lee moved to approve the Standing Rules as presented.. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- Molly Dorr was presented as the nominee for co-VP of Communications.
 - o **MOTION 5** Kim Wilkinson moved to elect Molly Dorr as co-VP of Communication for the 2021-22 school year. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Speaker

IHS Principal, Erin Connolly, was introduced.

Erin Connolly reported that:

- Students have been doing a great job masking during the school day.
- IHS has had to close bathrooms due to TikTok trend, Devious Licks.
 - o There are still sinks available for handwashing.
- Masking at football games. Update sent out via eNews.
 - o Last week: email reminders, reminder at the gate, announcements during the game, school administrators addressing violators.
 - o This week: In addition to last week's expectations, adding additional administrators to enforce, working with ASB, and Band leaders to help.
 - o Will be asking unmasked individuals to leave.
- Nest
 - o Right now focusing on beginning-of-school business
 - o First choice day on 9/29 when students will be able to visit teachers for support
 - o October will introduce software to sign up which will greatly increase Nest options for students
- Lunch - In addition to the commons, stadium and upper gym are covered and available. Will set up canopies for additional outside, covered seating options.
- When absent, teachers are posting assignments on Canvas. Extended absences due to Covid, the school will reach out to offer additional support.
- Using the DoH guidance re: Covid practices.
- Doors open at 7:45 so that students do not congregate in the commons since it's safer for them to be outside. Also, it aligns with staffing.
- Pick up and drop off is very congested, but there are not many alternatives available to address it at this point.
- Homecoming will not take place this year.
- Graduation date has not yet been set.

IHS ASB Director, Kurtis Evans, was introduced.

Kurtis Evans reported that:

- ASB is focused on the entire student experience.
- ASB is the Associated Student Body. Distribute public funds.
- Information about clubs and activities can be found on the IHS website.
- Large events are planned to be outdoors as much as possible. Planning multiple options for events as things change.
- Student Senate Meeting to review new club requests. There is a new Interest Proposal form under Activities on the IHS website.
- Homecoming Week 10/19-10/22. No dance, but will have robust activities throughout the week and looking for formal event space to still celebrate.
- Clubs Fair will be 10/6.
- ASB chooses themes for dances. Sporting event themes are chosen by the ref group (student-led group where membership is passed down year to year).
- Clubs will begin meeting after 10/5 (after training and Student Senate Meeting).

Committee Reports

Outreach (*Karissa Mobilia and Chanju Lee*)

Angel Program

- Angel Closet is up and running
- Power Packs being distributed on Fridays

Ask an Academic Advisor Night

- Looking for a Chair for this program - no experience needed

New Family Ambassadors

- Membership is increasing
- Event at Capri Cellars on 9/21 from 6:30-8:00

Parent Wiser

- Building Resilience and Positive Coping Skills on 10/13 at 7 PM - can register at ParentWiser.org (virtual)
- Help with Family Access on 9/28 - details on the District Website

Membership (*Wendy Cummins*)

- 385 Family memberships, 8 staff members, 778 total members

Programs (*Sathya Kannan and Lisa Small*)

- **College & Career Planning**
 - College Night Informational Forum 9/28 from 5-8
 - Applying for Colleges 10/5 from 7-8
- **ACT/SAT Mock Tests**
 - 9/18 SAT Mock Test
 - 9/25 ACT Mock Test
 - 9/30 feedback session
- **Grants**
 - 10/15 grant proposals due
- **Reflections→ Program**
 - Theme: I will Change the World By
 - Entries due 10/29
- **Senior Scholarship**
 - Looking for a Chair - or 2 co-Chairs

Hospitality (*Laura Schmidt and Kendra Gallagher*)

- Hosted Welcome Back Luncheon for the Staff
- Monthly Staff Breakfasts will start back up

Events *(Kristen Allen-Bentsen and Natasha De Los Reyes)*

- **Senior Events**

- Meeting via Zoom on 10/26 at 7PM - looking for Senior Parents to help plan Covid-friendly senior events

Communications *(Tracie Jones and Molly Dorr)*

- **Social Media**

- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- WeChat (Mandarin) and WhatsApp (Spanish) also available

Other Opportunities

Interested in helping out?

- Contact IHPTSApresidents@gmail.com

Next General Membership Meeting is October 12 at 7 PM via Zoom.

Adjourned 10:59AM

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Drake, Secretary