



## IH PTSA BOD Meeting Wednesday, November 3, 2021 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.

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 am by Kim Wilkinson. A quorum was present.

In attendance: Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Tracy Drake, Tara Moe, Chanju Lee, Laura Schmidt, Tracie Jones, Wendy Cummins, Natasha De Los Reyes, Lauren Bartholomew, Lisa Small, Heather Bratton, Karissa Mobilia, and Kaiyu Yan.

### President Report

- Virtual clipboards: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/15mlEAlpnPgb7C53uppqaXEOzZi3Eq2Xp>
- Please let Presidents know at [IHPTSAPresidents@gmail.com](mailto:IHPTSAPresidents@gmail.com) if you have items to be included on the General Meeting agenda by Thursday morning before the GMM each month. Please provide any flyers, photos and/or information for the slideshow.

### Completed IH PTSA Activities and Events

- Principal's Meeting (November 1) Birgit Aarrestad & Kim Wilkinson
- Staff Breakfasts: Oct. 6 & 27 Heidi Fuhs and Kristin Brennock
- ParentWiser: Wendy Cummins
- New Family Ambassadors: Capri Cellars, 10/19
- Ask an Academic Advisor Night, 10/20: Rachel Auffant, FACE (Marisa Garcia Struck, Wendy Maruchek) & VPs of Outreach (Chanju Lee, Karissa Mobilia) with IHS Counselors
- WA State PTA Legislative Assembly: Kim Wilkinson

### Upcoming IH PTSA Events

- Nov 9, 6:30pm ISD School Board Meeting
- Nov 11, Veterans Day – No School
- Nov 12, 9:30am IH PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Nov 14, IHS Picture Retakes
- Nov 14, 6:30pm ISD School Board Meeting
- Nov 16, NFA Capri Cellars Monthly Mixer
- Nov 17, Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Nov 18, 9:30am Issaquah PTSA Council GM Meeting
- Nov 18, 4pm ParentWiser: Raising Independent Children
- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving holiday, No School
- Dec 7, 10:30am NFA Molbaks Home & Garden Tour

- Dec 9, 6:30pm ISD School Board Mtg
- Dec 15, Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Dec 20-Dec 31, First Winter Break - No School
- Jan 5, IH PTSA BOD Mtg
- Jan 10, Senior Yearbook Parent Ads CLOSES
- Jan 12, Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Jan 13, 6:30pm ISD School Board Mtg
- Jan 14, Grant Applications Due (2nd set)
- Jan 14, 9:30am IH PTSA General Membership Mtg
- Jan 17, Martin Luther King Jr federal holiday - no school
- Jan 18, 6:30pm Capri Cellars Monthly Mixer
- Jan 27, 9:30am Issaquah PTSA Council GM Mtg
- Jan 27, 6:30pm ISD School Board Mtg
- Jan 28, Teacher Work Day - No School
- Jan 29, ACT Practice Test

## Ongoing IH PTSA and Reports

### Secretary's Report---Tracy Drake

- Presented the minutes from the October 6, 2021, IH PTSA BOD meeting. The minutes will be filed as presented.

### Treasurer's Report---Tara Moe

- **Financial update**
  - October financial report
    - Income: \$480 in Membership, \$700 in PTH, \$195 in Angel donation
    - Expenses: Student Academic Fund \$1000, Teacher Classroom Fund \$1500 (funded first half), Student Food Fund \$190, Angel \$1100, Leg Assembly \$40, Community Donations \$3650, Insurance \$675, Council Fees \$300
- Student Academic Fund - budget line item will still be for student needs, but not necessarily academic
  - Renamed Student Academic Fund to Student Assistance Fund in the budget

### Membership---Wendy Cummins

- **Staff** = 16 members
  - Distributed paper membership forms to staff last week in hopes of adding more staff members.
- **Family** = 424 family memberships - 500 family memberships is the goal.
- Continuing Membership Mondays via social media.
- **Directory** - Will begin working on cleanup soon.
- **Membership Cards** - Will go out this week.

### Communications---Tracie Jones and Molly Dorr

- Ask: Communications requests should include Chairs and VPs to ensure everyone is on the same page.
- Recovery email for PTSA gmail accounts: IHPTSACommunications@gmail.com.

### Outreach---Karissa Mobilia and Chanju Lee

- **Angel Program** - Continuing Friday distribution. Recently did a Spirit Wear distribution.
- **Ask an Academic Advisor Night** - 13 people attended. Translators were available. Chair feedback: District is doing something very similar and wants to assess whether or not we should continue with the program.

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Parent feedback: Would prefer Zoom vs. in person meeting. Will solicit additional feedback and look at options for this program or an alternative program going forward.

- **ParentWiser** parent education - free to PTSA members - recordings are available on the ParentWiser website.
  - 11/18 at 4 PM - Intrinsic Motivation and Raising Independent Children
  - 1/20 - Depression and Anxiety

## **Programs—Sathya Kannan and Lisa Small**

- **College & Career Center** - potential event on 1/25 for students interested in Running Start and technical degrees.
- **Grants** - One grant reviewed. Committee did not approve the grant as it did not meet our guidelines. Talked to the school to help advocate on student's behalf. Will not have a grant vote in the November GMM.
- **Senior Scholarship** - Still looking for a Chair.
- **Community Service** - 29 of 94 seniors have met 100+ community service hours. Congratulation and reminder emails went out to seniors this week. Information about the program will be included in an upcoming eNews.
- **Reflections** - 9 entries. Working on a showcase to recognize the 9 entrants. Reviewing who will be moving on to the district level.

## **Events—Kristen Allen-Bentsen and Natasha De Los Reyes**

- **Senior Events**
  - Senior Party - Still need Chairs. Talked with Grad Nights - Liberty and Skyline are possibly using Grad Nights. School is supportive, but would like to talk with other schools. Hesitant to sign a contract without Chairs. To move forward with Grad Nights would need to put down a \$1000 deposit and then payments would begin in January. Will send communication to senior parents to ask for Chairs and survey on whether their students are interested in an all night party.
  - Senior Farewell - Still need a Chair.

## **Hospitality—Laura Schmidt and Kendra Gallagher**

- **Staff Appreciation Week** - still looking for a Chair.
- **Staff Appreciation Fund** - Discussed starting a restricted staff appreciation fund allowing members to donate to a fund that the Chairs can then use for staff appreciation. Will not advertise the fund, but will offer it as an option to staff appreciation volunteers.
  - Will bring a motion to the General Membership Meeting in January.
- **Food truck fundraiser** - Approached by a food truck owner to do a PTSA fundraiser. Food delivered directly to customers. PTSA would receive 20% of sales as a donation. Discussed the idea of hosting this fundraiser as well as other passive fundraisers that would support the PTSA.
  - Will bring a motion to the General Membership Meeting in January.

## **Advocacy—Lauren Bartholomew**

- **Legislative Assembly**
  - Kim Wilkinson attended
- 11/15 - Ideas for "Top 5" due date.

## **Presidents—Kim Wilkinson and Birgit Aarrestad**

- **Principal Meeting**
  - Continue to look at parking improvements. School is surveying students.
  - Final exam schedule should be out soon. Expect it to be spread over 2.5 days.
  - 1,200 students attended Homecoming - similar numbers to traditional Homecoming.
    - Future "dances" may allow non-IHS students to attend.
  - Looking at lowering restrictions for music/art performances.

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- Nest - Students having difficulty with new application. School is spending lots of time assigning students who do not assign themselves.
- Security issue earlier this week. School wants to acknowledge the potential threat, but can not share details.
- COVID update - numbers have stayed low; school events have not seemed to be super spreaders.
- **GMM** - reviewed November GMM Agenda
  - Thank volunteers
  - Share current Chair and Committee openings
  - Speakers - Erin Connolly (Principal) & Kurtis Evans (ASB Director)
  - Committee updates
- December Board social - lunch or early dinner - Kim and Birgit will send out details.
- Beginning to look for Nominating Committee members - start thinking about new board members as well.
  - Wendy Cummins volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.
- Send Chair ideas to Kim, Birgit or the applicable VP.

**12:16 pm            Meeting Adjourned**

## **Upcoming meetings:**

November 12, 2021 GMM

January 5, 2022 BOD

January 14, 2022 GMM