



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting

November 12, 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 9:30 AM

Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum was present.

In attendance: Kim Wilkinson, Tracy Drake, Natasha De Los Reyes, Wendy Cummins, Molly Dorr, Tara Moe, Karissa Mobilia, Birgit Aarrestad, Alisa George, Raquel Koz, Julie Gamble, Samitha Sridharan, Tracie Jones, Stephanie Smith, Laura Schmidt, Kendra Gallagher, Cristine Varzali, Lisa Small, and Kristin Bendt

President's Report (Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad)

- Thanks to:
 - *Monthly Staff Breakfasts* - Heidi Fuhs and Kristin Brennock
 - *Monthly Principal Meeting* - Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Kristen Allen Bentsen
 - *Legislative Assembly* – Kim Wilkinson
 - *Ask an Advisor Night* - Rachel Auffant, Marica Garcia Struck, Wendy Maruchek, Karissa Mobilia, Kim Wilkinson, IHS Counselors
 - *ParentWiser* – Wendy Cummins and Heidi Fuhs
 - *New Family Ambassadors Capri Cellars Night* – Cathy Habib and Lisa Hill
 - *Outreach Power Packs/Angel Closet* - Karissa Mobilia and Julie Gamble
 - *Grants* - Cristine Varzali, Ali Mills, Amy Korb, Emily Arteché, Tracy Drake, Heidi Fuhs, Lisa Small, Lori Crow, Kim Wilkinson, Paula Cooper, Wendy Cummins

Secretary's Report

- October 12, 2021, minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- October 2021 financial results
 - Memberships continue to come in.
 - Funded first half of teacher classroom fund.
 - Continued Angel support.
 - Community partnerships annual donations made.
- Student Academic Fund has been renamed Student Assistance Fund in the budget.

Tina Weber, VOICE

- <https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/programs/voice>
- Supports students at all grades in all schools.
- Currently have 152 matches in 26 schools - 190 mentors.
- Research shows that students who experience positive mentoring relationships have outcomes that are significantly better.
- Video about the VOICE Mentor program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7t7U3HwV6PI>
- To sign up:
https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/programs/voice?fbclid=IwAR1__wzENPabmpxywGrmevlavvFTdzmi2VIQlVIFamPauAnrCs-A-lIPzs8#Apply
- At IHS there are currently 29 mentees and 11 mentors.
 - Greater need due to pandemic.
- 30-60 minute commitment per week once approved (background check and training) during the school day throughout the school year.
- Parents, community members, and high school students are eligible to be mentors.

Committee Reports

Membership

- Family Memberships - 426 family memberships - goal is 500
- Staff Memberships - 26 staff memberships

Outreach

- New Family Ambassadors - events on 11/16 at Capri Cellars and 12/7 at Molbak's
- Angel - continue to support our students on a weekly basis; distributed Spirit Wear
- ParentWiser
 - What Did You Say? on 11/18 at 4:00
 - Depression and Anxiety on 1/20 at 7:00

Programs

- Grants - 1 application was submitted, but determined the PTSA was not the best funding source.
- Reflections - All entries are in and being judged.
- SAT/ACT Practice Exams - 1/29 ACT practice test, 2/5 SAT practice test, 2/10 score and feedback session - cost is \$25
- Community Service Program - for students earning 100+ volunteer hours; submitted through website link: <https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Pta/Community%20Service>

Events

- Senior Events - Need senior parent help
 - Senior Events
 - Senior Party
 - Senior Farewell
- 5K - believe the 5K will be the final for all PE classes this semester.

Hospitality

- Monthly Staff Breakfasts next dates: 11/17, 12/15 - sign up to donate.
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oyuPbAOBzgLARFYMDvxtATknAM4nUNIFXNzZscdMemc/edit#gid=2036888818>

Communications

- Follow us on social media.
- Updates can be found on our PTSA website. <https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Home>

Advocacy

- We are part of the State and National PTA

- Legislative Assembly: Priorities = Equity, Safety, Mental Health and Wellness, Funding Solutions

Business

- **Open Positions** - Please reach out to PTSA Presidents if you are interested in helping out - ihptsapresidents@gmail.com
 - Healthy Student
 - Staff Appreciation Week
 - Senior Events
 - Volunteer Coordinator
- **Teacher Staff and Student Spotlights**
 - Send nominations to PTSA Presidents - ihptsapresidents@gmail.com
- **Nominating Committee**
 - Looking for volunteers to help form the PTSA board for next year.

Speaker - Erin Connolly, IHS Principal

- Parking - IHS put up flashing lights in drop-off zone; feels like it is getting better; letting kids in earlier when supervision is available; there are covered spaces students are able to wait under until the building opens at 7:30.
- Completed fall SBAC testing.
- Finals schedule will be out no later than the first week of December; finals will be January 18-21.
- Have not experienced any COVID spikes at IHS after Homecoming.
- Over 1200 tickets were sold for Homecoming, which is similar to past years.
- Working toward still having TOLO as well as Senior Prom.
- Mid-semester grades were posted last Tuesday. Working on how to help students better their grades.
- Principal Ask: Parents reach out to teachers and say THANK YOU.
- Have received a few applicants to be on the Levy Committee.

Speaker - Kurtis Evans, ASB Director

- Veterans Day activities - video and wrote letters to Veterans.
- Next Connection Week and Spirit Week are being planned.
- Winter Wishes and Winter Assemblies are being planned.
- Homecoming was a success - needed 600 students to be a success - ended up with 1200 students.
- Spirit Week - Anything but a Backpack Day was really fun

Adjourned 10:33 AM

Next Meeting: Friday, January 14, 2022, at 9:30 AM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Drake