



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting

January 14, 2022
9:30 AM

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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 9:31 AM

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

In attendance: Kim Wilkinson, Tracy Drake, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Amy Korb Natasha De Los Reyes, Wendy Cummins, Molly Dorr, Karissa Mobilia, Birgit Aarrestad, Jenny Juang, Lisa Small, Raquel Koz, Julie Gamble, Samitha Sridharan, Tracie Jones, Laura Schmidt, Kendra Gallagher, Cristine Varzali, Erin Eaton, Keri Kiefer, Sathya Kannan, Jitendra Vats, Karla Knickerbocker, Heather Bratton, Lauren Bartholomew, Carolyn Kennedy, Tori Berntsen, Heidi Fuhs, Erin Connolly, and Kurtis Evans.

President's Report (Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad)

- Thanks to:
 - *Monthly Staff Breakfasts* - Heidi Fuhs and Kristin Brennock
 - *Monthly Principal Meeting* - Kim Wilkinson and Birgit Aarrestad
 - *ParentWiser* – Wendy Cummins
 - *New Family Ambassadors Moblaks Home & Garden Tour* – Cathy Habib, Lisa Hil, and New Family Ambassadors
 - *New Family Ambassadors Capri Cellars* – Cathy Habib, Lisa Hil, and New Family Ambassadors
 - *Senior Events* - Kristen Allen-Bentsen and Natasha De Los Reyes
 - *Outreach Power Packs/Angel Closet* - Karissa Mobilia and Julie Gamble

Secretary's Report

- November 12 minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- November and December 2021 financial results.
 - Paid State/National PTA dues.
 - Received Corporate Matching Income.

- Spent Angel Rollover funds.
 - Paid facility fees for mock tests.
- Bank statements have been reviewed by Kaiyu Yan
- Mid-year financial review will occur in January.
- **Motion 1:** Kristen Allen-Bentsen moved to add Unsolicited Fundraising income line item to budget. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- **Motion 2:** Laura Schmidt moved to add Hospitality Donation income line item to budget. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- **Motion 3:** Kristen Allen-Bentsen moved to increase Student Scholarship/HOBY budget by \$935 to cover 4 HOBY student registrations. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- **Motion 4:** Lisa Small moved to increase Facilities Fees to \$880 to cover fees for SAT/ACT testing dates. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Committee Reports

Membership

- Family Memberships - 434 family memberships - goal is 500
 - 798 total members
- Staff Memberships - 28 staff memberships
- Community Memberships - 0

Outreach

- Angel - continue to support our students on a weekly basis
 - Can join Angel program volunteers via the PTSA website.
- New Family Ambassadors - events on 1/18 (cancelled) and 2/15 at Capri Cellars
- ParentWiser
 - Depression and Anxiety on 1/20 at 7:00
 - Register at www.parentwiser.org
- Looking for Healthy Student Chair

Programs

- Grants - applications due 1/14
- Reflections
 - One honorable mention and one entry moving on to State.
 - 2022-23 theme: Show Your Voice
 - Reception will hopefully be rescheduled in March.
- 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>
- College and Career Planning - Trade, Technical and Career Running Start program on 1/25 - registration is required: www.IssaquahHighPTSA.org

Events

- 5K PE Run - school held, but no PTSA assistance due to Covid.
- Senior Events
 - Senior Breakfast - date TBD
 - Senior Party - All Night Grad Party on 6/9 - ticket information will come out soon
 - Will follow all Covid protocols.
 - Early bird tickets will be \$199 until 3/1; \$250 afterwards
 - If event unable to hold the event, 90% refunds will be issued.
 - Senior Farewell - date TBD
 - Senior social media: IHS Class of 2022 PTSA Communications (FB) and ihs2022updates (IG)

Hospitality

- Monthly Staff Breakfasts - sign up to donate.
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oyuPbAOBzgLARFYMDvxtATknAM4nUNIFXNzZscdMemc/edit#gid=2036888818>
- Looking for Chair(s) for Staff Appreciation Week - first week of May

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
- Advocacy Week 1/17-1/21

Business

- **Open Positions** - Please reach out to PTSA Presidents if you are interested in helping out - ihptsapresidents@gmail.com
 - Staff Appreciation Week
 - Healthy Student
 - Volunteer Coordinator
- **Nominating Committee**
 - Requested nominations from the floor.
 - **Motion 5:** Kristen Allen-Bentsen moved to approve the 2022-23 Nominating Committee: Lauren Bartholomew, Wendy Cummins and Tracie Jones. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- **Issaquah Schools Foundation**
 - Academic Grants - open to all ISD K-12 students - \$500 to help pay for tuition and/or academic assistance/tutoring - deadline 2/14
 - Impact Scholarships - open to ISD juniors and seniors - \$1000-1500 - deadline 2/28
 - Apply for grants or scholarships at isfdn.org

Speaker - Erin Connolly, IHS Principal

- Covid has impacted attendance, students and teachers, at IHS.
 - Dashboard includes students that test positive when school is in session - it does not include cases that tested positive while on break.
 - Student attendance last week 20% absent (also due to lockdown and field trips) and is getting better this week. Normal absentee rate is 10%.
 - Staff attendance - absences being covered by other teachers, substitutes and admin. Thus far, staffing shortages does not require a building shut down.
 - Deadline for teachers to submit grades extended to 2/4 due to potential student absences.
 - Asking teachers to post lessons and resources to Canvas same-day.
 - Students struggling due to non-absence issues should talk with their individual teachers.
- Math department looking at potential changes. Identifying students who may need to change Math classes for the second semester. Looking at adding Math support classes and/or after school help.
- Summer school - grade replacement available for C- and lower. Original grade stays on student's transcript, but would no longer be included in GPA calculation. Summer school details will come out in the spring.
 - Students are no longer able to take an Incomplete as their grade.
- Bullets found in bathroom last Tuesday. Went into modified lockdown due to not being an immediate threat. Investigation started immediately.
 - Next morning, received tip with threatening note. Issaquah Police Department did not feel additional lockdown measures were needed.

- While there is a parent desire for full details, IPD and IHS don't release that info for safety reasons.
 - Investigation remains on-going.
- SAT will be offered to students Wednesday, 3/23. Students will have an adjusted schedule.
- MLK assembly postponed. Will now be 2/1.
- Schedule change process is on the IHS website.
- Course registration for next year will roll out to students 3/1.
 - Incoming 9th grade sessions: 3/8, 3/9, and 3/10.
- Graduation is 6/9. Time TBD. We have the last session, historically around 7:00.
 - Do not yet know number of guests allowed per student.
 - Additional senior event dates TBD.

Speaker - Kurtis Evans, ASB Director

- Working on Covid-friendly ways students can support athletes.
- TOLO - typically a dance, but will not be this year due to Covid
 - Looking for off campus venue.
 - Last week in March.
 - No guests will be allowed.
- Connection weeks - promote interactions between students.
 - Hot chocolate during finals
 - Study sessions offered after school
- Prom is expected to be at MoPop on 6/4. Alex Stevens, Senior Class Advisor, works with the senior class on this.
- HOBY scholarships - Hugh O'Brian Youth seminar.
 - Brings sophomores around the state together.
 - Leadership boot camp. Share ideas on ways to engage with students.
 - Grateful can send 4 sophomores with PTSA funding.

Upcoming IH PTSA Events

- Jan 14, Grant Applications Due (2nd set)
- Jan 17, Martin Luther King Jr holiday - No School
- Jan 18, 6:30pm Capri Cellars Monthly Mixer
- Jan 25, 7:00pm Trade & Technical Careers/Running Start Webinar
- 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
- Feb 2, IH PTSA BOD Meeting
- Feb 5, SAT Practice Test
- Feb 10, 6:30pm ISD School Board Meeting
- Feb 10, 7:00pm SAT/ACT Score Feedback Session
- Feb 11, 9:30am IH PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Feb 15, 6:30pm NFA Capri Cellars Monthly Mixer
- Feb 16, Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Feb 17, 9:30am Issaquah PTSA Council GM Meeting
- Feb 21, Presidents Day - No School
- Feb 22-25, Second Winter Break - No School
- Mar 2, IH PTSA BOD Meeting
- Mar 10, 6:30pm ISD School Board Meeting

- Mar 11. 9:30am IH PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Mar 15, 6:30pm Capri Cellars Monthly Mixer
- Mar 24, 9:30am Issaquah PTSA Council GM Meeting
- Mar 24, ISD School Board Meeting

Adjourned 11:02 AM

Next Meeting: Friday, February 11, 2022, at 9:30 AM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Drake