



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting

March 11, 2022
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.

Called to Order at 9:31 AM.

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

In attendance: Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Tracy Drake, Wendy Cummins, Molly Dorr, Karissa Mobilia, Wendy Maruchek, Kendra Gallagher, Alisa George, Jennifer Walters, Julie Gamble, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Keri Kiefer, Stephane Smithson Chan, Lisa Small, Tara Moe, Christy Smith, Erin Callahan, Shamitha Sridharan, Laura Schmidt, Anne Moore, Mariah Banasick, KayLee Jaech, Tiana Parry, and Erin Connolly.

President's Report (Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad)

- Thanks to:
 - *Monthly Staff Breakfasts* - Heidi Fuhs and Kristin Brennock
 - *Communications* - Tracie Jones and Molly Dorr
 - *Senior Scholarships* - Suresh Sundaram, Sathya Kannan, and Lisa Small
 - *Class of 2022 Social Media* - Melia Wilkinson
 - *Nominating Committee* - Wendy Cummins, Tracie Jones, and Lauren Bartholomew
 - *Monthly Principal Meeting* - Kim Wilkinson, Birgit Aarrestad, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Amy Korb, and Lisa Bishop
 - *Senior Events* - Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Natasha De Los Reyes, Stacey Eastern, and Keri Kiefer
 - *Outreach Power Packs/Angel Closet* - Karissa Mobilia and Julie Gamble

Secretary's Report

- February 11 minutes filed as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- February 2022 financial results.
 - Income: Membership Income, Pass The Hat, All Night Grad Party registrations, All Night Grad Party Donations, Angel Donations, and Mock Test registrations
 - Expenses: Membership Dues, All Night Grad Party expenses, Mock Tests, and PayPal Fees
- Bank statements have been reviewed by Kaiyu Yan.

- Annual nonprofit renewal has been submitted to the state.

Committee Reports

Membership

- Family Memberships - 446 family memberships - goal is 500
- Staff Memberships - 37 staff memberships
- 5 new memberships in February
- Total Members - 825
- Still accepting memberships for 2021-22

Outreach

- FACE
 - translation services were available for 8th grade registration night
 - senior events - working on translating flyers
- Healthy Student - working with IHS counselors
- Angel - thank you for supporting this program
- New Family Ambassadors - Capri Cellars event on 3/15 and 4/19
- ISD Family Connections - Q&A event on 3/23
- ParentWiser - 4/5 at 7 PM - Developing Independent Decision-Makers
 - register: www.parentwiser.org
- Special Education monthly webinars available on the PTSA issaquahptsa.org
- Influence the Choice video contest - submissions due 4/17
<https://www.influencethechoice.org/student-video-contest-2022.html>

Programs

- Senior Scholarships
 - Will award seven \$750 scholarships
 - 4/18 is the deadline to apply - application is available on the PTSA website
- Grants - final grant applications due 4/15
- Community Service
 - Deadline for seniors to submit hours is 5/1

Events

- Senior Events
 - Senior Breakfast - morning of 6/8
 - Senior Farewell - evening of 6/8
 - Graduation - 6/9 at 8 PM
 - Graduation signs are available via the PTSA website
 - Senior Party - All Night Grad Party on 6/9 - tickets on sale now
 - Will follow all Covid protocols.
 - Early bird tickets are \$199 until 3/18; \$250 afterward
 - Scholarships can be requested at ihptsafamilyresources@gmail.com (confidential)
 - 1 chaperone for every 10 students

Hospitality

- Staff Appreciation Week - 5/2-5/6
 - Theme: Spring Forward
 - Families will be able to donate a staff lunch from Mami Tran
 - Families encouraged to send thank you notes to staff
- Monthly Staff Breakfasts - sign up to donate
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oyuPbAOBzgLARFYMDvxtATknAM4nUNIFXNzZscdMemc/edit#gid=2036888818>

- Senior Exit Interviews - IHS is looking for volunteers to conduct the interviews: 4/5, 4/6, and 4/27
<https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fsite%2Fissaquahhsc%2Fh-s-beyond-plan%2Fsenior-exit-interviews&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AOvVawooj19gkzSnyKEUkvBj6AWu>

Business

- **Garage liaison**
 - **Motion 1:** Kristen Allen-Bentsen moved to add a The Garage liaison position to the IHS PTSA. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- **VIS Endorsement**
 - **Motion 2:** Karissa Mobilia moved to endorse the Issaquah School District's three 2022 levies, the four-year EP&O renewal levy, the four-year Capital renewal levy, and the one-year Bus levy, being put before the voters on April 26, 2022. Motion was seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.
- **Issaquah Schools Foundation**
 - Nourish Every Mind occurring each week in May - register:
<https://isfdn.org/nourish-every-mind/>
 - Seeking 10th-grade students for Student Trustee positions
- **Nominating Committee** - reach out to ihptsanominationcommittee@gmail.com if interested or have suggestions for next year's board of directors
- **Awards** - Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate, and Outstanding Educator - nominations forms available on the PTSA website <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/qXXH863> - due 3/18
- **Speakers - Anne Moore, ISD School Board President, and Mariah Banasick, ISD Director of Finance**
 - Levies are approximately 15% of ISD revenue
 - 3 measures on 4/26 ballot
 - Education Programs and Operations Levy - 4-year levy
 - student services - school nurses, counselors, educator salaries, mental health support, instructional coaches, 7 period day in high school, extra curricular activities, and athletics
 - academic programs - special educations, ELL program, highly capable program, elementary dual language program, secondary summer school and pre-K summer school
 - support services: custodial, maintenance and repair, school safety, bus driver salaries and school bus fuel and maintenance
 - Capital Projects Levy - 4-year levy
 - technology for students in and out of the classroom
 - equitably updated technology for schools and classrooms
 - critical repairs to schools
 - completion of high school #4
 - School Bus Levy - 1-year levy
 - helps add 64 buses from 2023-2026
 - looking into grants to add electric buses to our fleet
 - the tax rate would go from \$3.51 to \$3.56/\$1000 of assessed home values - district cannot collect more than total amount approved by voters
 - ESSER dollars - ISD received \$7MM - they are one-time funds to cover expenses associated with pandemic
 - The district will need to cut services if levies do not pass
 - Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS) - can donate and/or endorse levies at www.visvote.org

Speaker - Erin Connolly, IHS Principal

- Masks will not be required in school except health room or isolation room beginning 3/14

- Masks will not be required on buses beginning 3/14
- Will continue to try to provide distancing for lunches
- Distancing will no longer be required in classrooms
- Building will be opened at 7 AM beginning 3/14
- Volunteers are being allowed on an as-needed basis - must be approved by the school
- Grading system - semester grades are the only grades that go on transcripts - quarter and mid-term grades are only used internally to ensure students are on the right path to obtain credit
 - Targeted interventions going into the second semester - especially in math
- Course request process currently going on - deadline is 3/15 at 8 AM - lots of help on the course request page on the IHS counseling website
<https://sites.google.com/site/ishscounseling/course-selection>
 - Double-check that courses chosen work for colleges students may be interested in
- Neal Lasher has been promoted within the district. Lloyd Ray is new our new SRO.
- ISF funding upcoming assemblies - Mike Domitrz, Founder of The Center for Respect, and the “SAFER Choices” program - Can I Kiss You? presentation for 9-10th grades; Let’s Talk presentation for 11-12th grades.
- 6/8 senior breakfast and graduation rehearsal
- There will not be buses for seniors from IHS to T-Mobile Park for graduation

Speaker - KayLee Jaech, Executive Director The Garage, A Teen Cafe

- The Garage is a safe and welcoming place for all teens
- Everything is free - tutoring, technology access, counseling, case manager, school supplies, equipment, and snacks
- Monday - Friday open 3-7; Summer and school breaks open 12-6
- See about 50-100 high school students each day
- **Tiana Parry, Program Manager** - The Garage works closely with students to understand what they want and need The Garage to be

Upcoming IH PTSA Events

- Mar 15, Capri Cellars Monthly Mixer
- Mar 16, Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Mar 18, Golden Acorn & Outstanding Advocate/ Educator nominations due
- Mar 23, ISD Family Connections Q&A session, Zoom
- Mar 24, Issaquah PTSA Council GM Meeting
- Mar 24, ISD School Board Meeting
- Apr 6, IH PTSA BOD Meeting
- Apr 7, ISD School Board Meeting
- Apr 11-15 Spring Break
- Apr 15, 3rd Round PTSA Grant Applications Due
- Apr 19, Capri Cellars Monthly Mixer
- Apr 20, Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Apr 20, IH PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Apr 28, Issaquah PTSA Council GM Meeting
- Apr 28, ISD School Board Meeting
- May 4, IH PTSA BOD Meeting
- May 12, ISD School Board Meeting
- May 13, IH PTSA GMM Meeting

- May 17, Capri Cellars Monthly Mixer
- May 25, Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- May 26, Issaquah PTSA Council GM Meeting
- May 26, ISD School Board Meeting
- May 30, Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
- Jun 4, IHS Prom
- Jun 8, Senior Breakfast
- Jun 8, Senior Farewell
- Jun 9, Class of 2022 Graduation
- Jun 9, Class of 2022 PTSA All-Night Grad Party
- Jun 17, Last Day of School

Adjourned 11:14 AM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Drake