



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting

February 10, 2023
9:30 AM

Via Zoom

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Our PTSA Mission

The IH PTSA strives to expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning and social environment at Issaquah High School, through programs, volunteers, advocacy, and financial support benefiting all Issaquah High School students, families, and the community.

Call to Order Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. Proper notice of the meeting. was given and a quorum was present. Meeting documents were distributed via email and posted to the IH PTSA website.

In attendance: Wendy Maruchek, Tracy Drake, Erin Eaton, Josi Beck, Kim Wilkinson, Karissa Mobilia, Cristine Varzali, Trisha Marshall, Stephanie Smithson Chan, Pauline Tamblyn, Shamitha Sridharan, Julie Gamble, Jennifer Walter Wrlwkhw, Chelsea Musick, Tanya Russell, Qun Pan, Shannon Dasgupta, Erin Connolly, Kristin Bendt

President's Report (*Wendy Maruchek*)

All meeting documents, including the consent agenda, can be found on our website. Links were included with the meeting invite.

The consent agenda (January 12 meeting minutes and January financial results) will be filed as presented.

Thanked volunteers, by name, for helping with New Family Connections, Grant Committee, Staff Breakfasts, Mock ACT/SAT Tests Chair, and Senior Events Committee.

Open positions:

- Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs
- College and Career Center - Exit Interviews
- New Family Connections Co-Chairs
- Senior Social Media co-Chair
- Senior Farewell Committee members
- 2023-24 SAT/ACT Practice Tests Shadow Chair
- 2023-24 Textbook Checkout
- 2023-24 Picture Day
- 2023-24 board members

Please reach out to Wendy Maruchek if interested in any of these positions.

Speakers

Trisha Marshall, Board President, Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF)

- Issaquah Schools Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit that serves the Issaquah School District.
- The vision is to create limitless opportunities that inspire students on their personal path to success.

- At IHS, ISF has funded the following: textbooks for Social Psychology class, fund various clubs, library books, after-school academic support, Learning Ally literacy tool, Spanish-speaking counselors, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Consent Assembly, Tools4Schools, Breakfast Food Support, and student scholarships for testing fees.
- The annual fundraiser, Nourish Every Mind, is coming up on April 27 at Issaquah Community Center.
 - Can register at: www.isfdn.org or reach out to Wendy Maruchek if you would like to join the IH PTSA table.
 - There is an information session for table captains on February 14 at 11 AM at the ISD Administration Building.
 - You can reach out to Trisha with any questions: t.marshall@isfdn.org
- Impact Scholarships - awarded to two high school juniors or seniors each year. Written Essay: \$1000; Presentation: \$1500 <https://isfdn.org/our-purpose/advancing-academic-achievement5/impact-scholars>

Erin Connolly, Principal:

- Encouraged students and parents to attend Swingin' in Vienna on February 11, at 7:30 PM.
- Juniors can sign up for March 22 SAT at IHS during the school day - the deadline to register is February 13. Do not anticipate a modified schedule. If sign up and can no longer attend, must cancel no later than February 14.
- Course registration for next school year begins February 15.
 - 8th-grade event at IHS on February 14 and February 15
 - Spanish-speaking sessions are available on February 14
 - no registration is necessary
 - athletics and club fair in the Commons
 - <https://sites.google.com/site/ishscounseling/course-selection?pli=1>
 - Current students - math is being preloaded into the course selection based on their current math teacher recommendation - students may appeal recommendations with their Counselors.
 - All course selections are due March 3 at 8 AM.
 - Students can log back in on March 27 to review their classes. Will be able to see classes assigned.
 - Seniors get priority on electives and required classes.
 - Note: some classes have been renamed so that similar classes are named the same thing at all 3 ISD high schools.
- TOLO is a spring dance on April 1 in the evening at IHS.
 - Casual dance, the theme is: Bikers vs. Surfers.
 - Open to all IHS students.
 - More details will come out via ASB.

Business

The Grant Committee moves to approve the following grants:

- \$310.00 for LRC II (students with special needs) Ball Chairs
- \$1653.08 for Library Dropbox
 - Discussed whether or not the price is reasonable. Based on research it is.
- \$3236.88 Biotech Equipment for Biomedical Science
 - Discussed the number of students impacted: 100-150 students annually.
 - Discussed that grants do not need to benefit all students.
 - Only recommending 2 of 3 requests. The third request will be reviewed during the spring grant process.
- \$300.00 Behavioral Support Program for LRC I (learning resource center - for students with special needs)
 - Discussed whether or not PTSA is the best funding option. Grant mentioned that public funds cannot be used for this pilot program.
 - Discussed whether the food provided follows district guidelines. Will follow up with the grant submitter to recommend district guidelines are followed.

Vote 1: Approve \$310.00 for LRC II. Poll vote. Motion approved.

Vote 2: Approve \$1653.08 for Library Dropbox. Poll vote. Motion approved.

Vote 3: Approve \$3236.88 Biotech Equipment for Biomedical Science. Poll vote. Motion approved.

Vote 4: Approve \$300.00 Behavioral Support Program for LRC I. Poll vote. Motion approved.

Discussed adding stickers or another way of showing equipment was donated by the IH PTSA. If someone would like to help create the stickers, please reach out to Wendy Maruchek.

Committee Reports

Membership (*Shravya Nellutla and Wendy Cummins*)

Staff - 117 - 126 certified staff this year - free memberships offered to staff this year - goal is 100% staff membership

Family - 593

Individual - 89

Student - 16

Total - 813 - goal is 900 members

Outreach (*Karissa Mobilia and Chanju Lee*)

Angel

Can sign up to be part of the Angel committee on our website:

<https://issaquahhighpts.org/Packet/Volunteer/VolunteeringPacketPage/1>

Lunch for the Break signup: <https://issaquahfoodbank.org/lunchforthebreak>

New Family Connections

Lunch at 55 Sunset on February 10. No registration is required.

To join:

- As a new parent: www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamily
- As a seasoned parent: www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamilyAmbassador
- More info: www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamilyConnections

ParentWiser

Suicide Awareness - March 7 - register www.parentwiser.org

Healthy Student Event on Eating and Feeding Disorders - March 20 - register www.parentwiser.org

Programs (*Tanya Russell and Kim Wilkinson*)

SAT/ACT Practice Exams

College and Career Center

Informal Q&A about Running Start on March 14 via Zoom - includes IHS Counselor, Bellevue College representative, and Running Start students - asking for attendees to submit questions in advance to ihptsaprograms@gmail.com

Senior Scholarships

Deadline mid-April. www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaseniorscholarships

Hospitality (*Qun Pan*)

Staff Breakfasts

Next Staff Breakfast is March 1. To sign up to donate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aa8a922a3fc1-ihstaff6#/>

To get on the volunteer list: <https://issaquahhighpts.org/Packet/Volunteer/GuestInfoPacketPage/0>

Communications (*Chelsea Musick and Lindsey Pinkston*)

Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

- <https://www.facebook.com/IssaquahHighPTSA>
- <https://www.twitter.com/ihptsa>
- <https://www.instagram.com/ihptsa>

We have several groups: WeChat (Mandarin), WhatsApp (Spanish), WhatsApp (English) To be added:

ihptsaface@gmail.com

IHS Families has a new WhatsApp group so parents, guardians, caregivers, and students can ask questions. To join:

<https://bit.ly/IHS-Whatsapp>

Other (*Wendy Maruchek*)

If you are not yet an Issaquah High PTSA member, you can join at www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaJoin

Awards - Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate, and Outstanding Educator nominations open:

<https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/Awards>

Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate nominations due 3/19.

Outstanding Educator nominations due 4/2.

WSPTA Essay Contest - <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/pta-essay-contest/> - deadline 2/15

WSPTA Game Development Contest - <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/game-competition/> - deadline 2/15

WSPTA Senior Scholarship Program - <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/scholarship-program/> - 4 \$2500 scholarships - deadline 2/15

WSPTA Top 5 Legislative Priorities

- Addressing the student mental health crisis
- Addressing critical gaps in education funding
- Preventing and reducing gun violence and suicide
- Addressing funding, inclusion, and supports in special education
- Building and maintaining safe school facilities

Cultural Bridges latest magazine: www.isfdn.org/cultural-bridges-magazine/

Influence the Choice -

Hidden In Plain Sight - Drug Use Recognition on 2/16 - register: <https://www.influencethechoice.org>

Influence the Choice video contest - due 3/18 - <https://www.influencethechoice.org>

The Garage - issaquahteencafe.org

ISD Family Partnership events: <https://www.isd411.org/programs-services/equity/parent-events-and-workshops>

Upcoming Events

Feb 11, 7:30 PM, Swingin' in Vienna

Feb 14 & 15, 8th Grade Registration Night at IHS

Feb 15, WA State PTA Game Development Competition Due

Feb 15, WA State PTA Essay Contest Due

Feb. 15, WA State PTA Senior Scholarship Entries Due

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Feb 16, Hidden in Plain Sight (Influence the Choice)
Feb. 20-24, Second Winter Break
Feb. 27, 6 PM, Host Home Program
Feb. 27, ISF Scholarship Application Due (\$1000 written, \$1500 presentation)
March 1, Staff Appreciation Breakfast Signup
March 7, 7 PM, ParentWiser Event, Suicide Awareness
March 10, IH PTSA General Membership Meeting
March 14, 7 PM, IH PTSA Running Start Info Session
March 17, Teacher Work Day (no school)
March 19, Golden Acorn (Volunteer) Nominations Due
March 19, Outstanding Advocate Nominations Due
March 19, Influence the Choice \$1000 Video Contest Due
March 22, SATs for Juniors at IHS. Register [HERE](#). This is an official (but optional) college application SAT.

Adjourned 11:09 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Drake, Secretary