



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting

April 19, 2023
7:00 PM

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 7:00 PM. 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, Meg Sloan, Rachel Koz, Julie Gamble, Jianhua Li, Karla Knickerbocker, Tanya Russell, Kim Wilkinson, Pauline Tamblyn, Kathleen Myers, Qun Pan, Wendy Cummins, Shamitha Sridharan, Jyothsna Panchagnula, Sathya Kannan

President's Report (*Wendy Maruchek*)

Wendy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

The consent agenda (March meeting minutes and March financial statements) will be filed as presented.

Thanked volunteers, by name, for helping with Nominating Committee, Awards Committee, Staff Breakfasts, Senior Yard Signs, Running Start webinar, Eating Disorders webinar, Healthy Student organizer, and New Family Connections.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Safety Backpacks
- SAT/ACT Saturday Practices
- Picture Day Chair
- Textbook Checkout Chair
- New Family Connections Co-Chairs (plan events/trips for newcomers)
- Junior Parents for 2024 Senior Events

Treasurer's Report (*Erin Eaton, Pauline Tamblyn*)

- March financial results included in consent agenda. Will be filed as presented.
- Amended February financial report due to fees - \$71 vs. \$77 - being entered incorrectly.

Secretary's Report (*Tracy Drake*)

- March meeting minutes included in consent agenda. Will be filed as presented.
- Awards - Kim Wilkinson is the recipient of the Golden Acorn Award. Erin Connolly is the recipient of the Outstanding Advocate Award. The Outstanding Educator Award will be announced in May.

Nominating Committee (*Qun Pan, Shravya Nellutla, Tracy Drake*)

- Read Article 5, Section 6 from the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws.
- In accordance with the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, the 2023 Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following:
 - For the office of President: Wendy Maruchek;
 - For the office of Secretary: Linda Stone;
 - For the office of Treasurer: Erin Eaton;
 - For the office of Assistant Treasurer: Pauline Tamblyn;
 - For the office of co-VP of Programs: Tanya Russell;
 - For the office of co-VP of Programs: Stephanie Shipley;
 - For the office of co-VP of Events: Nicola Doyle;
 - For the office of co-VP of Events: Jianhua Li;
 - For the office of VP of Communications: Maggie Ge;
 - For the office of co-VP of Outreach: Maya Greene;
 - For the office of co-VP of Outreach: Angela Dahrea;
 - For the office of co-VP of Hospitality: Qun Pan;
 - For the office of co-VP of Hospitality: Chandana Prattipati
- No further nominations were heard for any of the positions and all nominations were closed.
- In accordance with the PTSA Bylaws, all candidates were declared elected.
- Bank signers for the 2023-24 school year (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) are Wendy Maruchek, Erin Eaton, and Maya Green. Karissa Mobilia will no longer be a check signer for the 2023-24 school year.

Speaker

Meg Sloan, Issaquah Special Education PTSA:

- Website: <https://www.issaquahspecialeducationptsa.org/>
- Meeting PowerPoint: <https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Doc/Documents-Fliers/2022%20-%202023%20General%20Presentation%202.pdf>
- Vision: Students with disabilities in the Issaquah School District will receive a high-quality education that enhances their well-being, meets their individual needs, and prepares them for the future.
- Mission: Our mission is to build community, empower families, and advocate for students with disabilities in the Issaquah School District.
- We serve: We support ALL students with disabilities or suspected disabilities residing within the Issaquah School District boundaries, and their families.
- IEP - Individualized Education Plan - Plan or program developed to ensure that a child with an identified disability who is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives specialized instruction and related services.
- 504 plan - Provides accommodations for students in need. A 504 plan is a blueprint for how the school will support a student and remove barriers to learning.
- State test scores for Special Ed students are lagging.
- Formed Special Ed PTSA so that we have a cohesive, formal organization. We want our families and students to have a voice in the Issaquah School District.
- Chartered in May 2022 with 72 members. Cover all schools and grade levels in the ISD (from ages 3-21).
- Continuing to build membership. Now have 181 members. Have members in all schools.
- Goal: Help make the IEP/504 process in the ISD more family-friendly.

- Ways to connect and/or get involved:
 - Daytime Parent Power Hours - the 4th Friday of each month
 - Evening Parent Power Hour - the 3rd Wednesday of each month
 - Quarterly Membership Meetings
 - Popsicle Appreciation Party for Members - June 8 from 4-6 PM at Confluence Park
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/issaquahspecialeducationptsa/
 - Instagram: @issaquahspecialeducationptsa
- Ask the Experts video: Youtube.com/@IssaquahSpecialEducationPTSA
- Please consider joining: <https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/issaquahspecialeducationptsa/issaquahspecialeducationptsajoinnow>
- Any questions, email: mcsloan2@gmail.com or hello@issaquahspecialeducation.org

Committee Reports

Membership (*Shravya Nellutla and Wendy Cummins*)

Staff - 135 - received 100% Staff Membership Award

Family - 595

Individual - 94

Student - 16

Total - 840 - the goal is 900 members

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

Events (*Sathya Kannan*)

Senior Events - hosting all night grad party at Dave and Busters from 10 PM - 2 AM - bringing in DJ and casino tables, and a magician - there will be food - transportation will not be provided - tickets on sale night - early bird tickets are \$150 and \$175 after May 20.

Senior Signs - distributed before school today; contact chair, Tracie Kinsley, if you were unable to pick up on 4/19.

Senior Farewell - June 13 at 7 PM - provides families and students a chance to take pictures in caps and gowns

Senior Breakfast - June 14 at 8 AM

Graduation practice - June 14 at 8:45 AM

Outreach (*Karissa Mobilia and Chanju Lee*)

Angel

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

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

New Family Connections

To join New Family Connections:

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

Would like input on May meeting. Please respond via email: ihnewfamilyconnect@gmail.com or survey <https://forms.gle/J8CQiRVHGSDswKuj7>

Programs (*Tanya Russell and Kim Wilkinson*)

Community Service

The deadline for seniors to complete their hours and submit them is May 1.

Grants

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The final grants cycle just closed. Will vote on grants at the next General Membership Meeting.

Hospitality (Qun Pan)

Staff Breakfasts

To sign up to donate to staff breakfasts: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aa8a922a3fc1-ihsstaff8#/>

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

Staff Appreciation Week

May 1-5

Can donate via the PTSA website: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/IssaquahHighPTSA>

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>

WeChat (Mandarin) and WhatsApp (Spanish) To be added to a group, email: 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)

Issaquah Schools Foundation - Nourish Every Mind fundraiser: www.isfdn.org/

The Garage - issaquahteencafe.org - free drop-in counseling Monday-Friday from 4-6

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

Upcoming Events

April 21, student lunch, College and Career Center "Spring Into College" event

April 27, Issaquah Schools Foundation's Nourish Every Mind Fundraiser

April 29-30, State PTA Business Meeting, free

May 1, Community Service Hours due for Seniors

May 1-5 Staff Appreciation Week

May 3, Staff Appreciation Breakfast

May 6-7, State PTA Spring Conference

May 10, 10:30 AM-12:15 PM, PTSA Board of Directors' meeting

May 19, 9:30-11:15 AM, PTSA General Membership Meeting. Grants vote.

May 29, Memorial Day, no school

May 31, morning, Senior Recognition by IHS (tentative)

June 3, evening, Senior Prom at MoPop

June 7, Staff Appreciation Breakfast

June 7, Yearbook distribution (during NEST)

June 8-16, Finals (posted on PTSA calendar <https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Event/MonthCalendar/2023/6>)

June 13, 7-8:30 PM, PTSA Senior Farewell with Reception

June 14, 8-8:45 AM, Senior Breakfast sponsored by PTSA

June 14, 8:45-10 AM, Senior Graduation Rehearsal at IHS gym (mandatory)
June 15, classes until 11:10 AM
June 15, 1 PM, Graduation, T-Mobile Field
June 15, 10 PM to 2 AM, Senior Graduation Party Tickets on sale at www.issaquahhighptsa.org
June 19, Juneteenth, no school
June 20, last day of school, early release
August 28, New to IHS Night for incoming 9th graders

Adjourned 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Drake, Secretary