



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
Hybrid: HIS Large Conference Room and Via Zoom

September 15th, 2023
11:00 AM

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 11:02 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, Linda Stone, Erin Eaton, Pauline Tamblyn, Qun Pan, Chandana Prattipati, Nicola Doyle, Jianhua Lia, Tanya Russell, Maggie Ge, Anny Zhang, Maya Greene, Angela Dahrea, Shravya Nellutla, Raquel Koz, Simy Eng, Lori Garth Greer, Shamitha Sridharan

President's Report (*Wendy Maruchek*)

Wendy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting.


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

Secretary's Report (*Linda Stone*)

The consent agenda documents will be filed as presented.

- May 2023 GMM Minutes (approved)


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

 **Motion 1:** Erin Eaton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded (Angela Dahrea). Poll vote. Motion passed.

The consent agenda documents will be filed as presented.

- May, June, July, August Financial Reports (approved)
- Year-end Financial Review (completed 9/14/23, performed by Maya Greene and Angela Dahrea)


2023-24 Budget details for this year were reviewed. Total income = \$94,140 and total expense = \$132,634, for a projected \$38,494 loss. This will draw down our existing reserves.

 **Motion 2:** Erin Eaton moved to approve the fiscal year 2023 budget as presented. Seconded (Angela Dahrea). The floor was opened for discussion. Poll vote. Motion passed.

Angela Dahrea will be taking on the responsibility for reviewing monthly bank statements.

Business and Guest Speaker (Wendy Maurcheck)

Our Charitable Organization Renewal was filed for this year.
Pavan Kanaparthi was appointed director of Advocacy.

-  **Motion 3:** Erin Eaton moved to approve and adopt the Mission and Goals Statement. Seconded by Shamitha.
No discussion. Poll vote. Motion passed.

Speaker: Erin Connolly, Issaquah High School Principal

- Greeted the attendees.
- Thanked the PTSA for hosting New to IHS Night.
- Hot Topics
 - Schedule change requests – large number coming through (>1000). Asks that students make original choices very thoughtfully in the spring to avoid making changes. We did receive an additional 1.2 FTE which helps with the class sizes and course offerings. Things should ease a little bit more in 2nd Semester. IHS is the only school in district who accommodates this level of course changes. Discussion ensued about giving seniors a full day or priority for getting schedules changed, increasing outreach to incoming 8th graders.
 - Traffic -- has been bad, but it will improve now that road construction is done and parking passes have been assigned. Parking enforcement starts on the 19th. Buses should normalize soon.
 - Parking Passes – limited parking. Parking structures are very expensive. Gave out 330 passes, prioritizing Carpools/Running Start, then Single Seniors, then Single Juniors, etc. Only 8 Junior Single spots given out (up in IMS). Questions were asked about posting statistics every year and perhaps applying an equity lens, and if we could we send out some parent education about drop-off and pick-up etiquette.
 - Curriculum Night – went well. 10 teachers were out for sick/family issues. Powerpoints should have been sent out.
 - Homeroom and Flex/Nest Time – supposed to be a time for academic support. Kids who needed it most were maybe not making the best decisions about how to take advantage of that time. Are looking at ways to improve this. Tuesdays are going to be grade-level homerooms which will be used for conveying information or for study hall. Flex time on Wednesdays. Nest time is gone. Student Support Time – must be scheduled on laptops, accessed via Class Link.
 - How are schedule changes communicated to Running Start kids? Take a look at the IHS website.
- Erin will be at October GMM on 10/17 – evening session, Zoom only. Attendees will have opportunity to ask Erin questions.


Speaker: Kurtis Evans, Issaquah High School ASB Director


- Greeted audience
- ASB programs as Skyline, Liberty, Issaquah met earlier this week for Retreat at Pickering Farm. 150 students, about half from Issaquah. Would like to start including middle school programs in this retreat to give them experience with High Schoolers and develop leadership confidence.
- Homecoming is next week. It's early, but the weather is great. Date is decided based on football schedule.
- Home games are usually connected to
 - Senior night
 - Youth night
 - Homecoming
- Spirit Week – providing opportunities for more kids to be involved and engaged in community – inclusive and accessible.
- Platforms for finding out about ASB activities: Instagram, e-news, website, morning announcements, etc. Website is work in progress.
- Homecoming – coming up next Friday. Fireworks, game, etc. Working on getting drinking fountains and refillable water stations installed in school. Looking for grants to get this accomplished. Issaquah City Councilmember will be at the game. Provided 500 water bottles to be distributed to students.
- Homecoming Dance – on Sept 23rd. James Bond theme. Casino games. ASB wanted to emphasize experience over expensive DJ. More chaperones are needed. Have 20 confirmed, hoping to get about 30-

35. Asking for food – would like PTSA to donate fruit items (strawberries and grapes) and chocolate. Generally have 1300-1600 students. 50%-75% of tickets are usually sold within the 3 days preceding the event. Discounted tickets for advance purchase. Cost will not be a barrier, so no student will be turned away.

- Clubs – expecting them to pick up in October – gives clubs chance to re-registered. ASB needs to be re-trained on communication and leadership of clubs.
- Including feeder communities – robotics program will host lego league later this fall.
- HOBIE – leadership camp that PTSA sponsors (2-6 students). For sophomore students only. Teachers nominate students that have potential for leadership.

Wendy thanked Kurtis for joining us.

 **Motion 4:** Erin Eaton moved to adopt the Standing Rules, with a suggestion to change the word ‘youth’ to ‘students’. Seconded by Andrea Dahrea. Poll vote. Motion passed.

 **Motion 5:** Wendy moved to elect Anny Zhang as new Co-VP of Communications. Seconded by (?). Poll vote. Motion passed.

Salmon Day parking – if you’d like to volunteer, please sign up.

Committee Reports

Membership (*Shravya Nellutla*)

- Reviewed PTSA membership stats; the goal is 900 members

Outreach (*Maya Greene and Angela Dahrea*)

- 1st new families meet-n-greet at 55 Sunset Café.
- Next event will be Thursday, October 5th, hike at Twin Falls.
- ParentWiser event coming up on Oct. 3rd, 6pm, virtual: “Middle School manners”.

Programs (*Tanya Russell*)

- College and Career Planning – SAT and ACT Practice Test are scheduled and registration is open
- Grants – deadline for submissions is October 13th.
- Reflections Art – deadline for entries is November 6th.
- Senior Scholarships – deadline is April 15th.

Hospitality (*Qun Pan and Chandana Prattipati*)

- Staff Appreciation Breakfasts
- Back-to-School Luncheon

Events (*Nicola Doyle and Jianhua Li*)

- New to HIS Night
- Picture Day/Laptop Checkout
- Textbook Checkout
- Senior All-Night Grad Party Early Bird Tickets on sale now
- Senior Events

Communications (*Maggie Ge and Anny Zhang*)

Other (*Wendy Maruchek*)

Adjourned 12:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stone, Secretary

Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 7pm-8:30pm, Zoom only.