



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
Hybrid

November 17th, 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.

In Attendance Wendy Maruchek, Linda Stone, Cristine Varzali, Angela Dahrea, Erin Eaton, Nicola Doyle, Qun Pan, Sammi, Shamitha Sridharan, Tanya Russell, Tracy Drake, Julie Carr, iPhone (6).

Call to Order

Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 11:03am. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum (minimum 10 members) was reached. Meeting documents were posted to the IH PTSA website.

Motion 1: Erin Eaton moved to adopt consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by Tracy Drake. Motion passed.

Julie Carr reported on attending the WSPTA Legislative Assembly in October. Slides from her presentation were included in the PowerPoint deck.

Cristine Varzali reported on PTSA Grants Program. Annual budget is \$10,000. Presenting 3 options for Grants.

1. Matthew Fischer (student) presented grant request for a Refillable Water Station Installation near the Theater. Total project is expected to be ~\$3000. Cascade Water Alliance will donate \$2000. The request is for \$1000.
2. Cristine Varzali presented grant request on behalf of Helly Harel (teacher) for Outdoors for All Events. The request is for \$250 to cover the cost of bike rentals for IHS students.
3. Cristine Varzali presented grant request on behalf of Kinsely Krebill (teacher) for LRC II Classroom Materials, including paper shredder, 10 headphones, 2 wobble chairs and fidget toys. The request is for \$500 to cover the cost of these materials.

Motion 2: Erin Eaton moved to consider the grant for the Water Stations as submitted by Matthew. Angela Dahrea seconded. Floor was opened for discussion. Poll was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Motion 3: Julie Carr moved to consider the grant for the Bike Rentals. Seconded by Erin Eaton. Floor was opened for discussion. Poll was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Motion 4: Erin Eaton moved to consider the grant for the LRC II Classroom Materials. Seconded by Angela Dahrea. Floor was opened for discussion. Poll was taken, motion passed unanimously.

General Business

Wendy Maruchek revisited volunteer opportunities and asked for additional updates from committee chairs.

Nicola Doyle asked for volunteers to join the Senior Events committee.

Breakfast signups are posted for next Staff Appreciation Breakfast.

Angela Dahrea gave updates on Outreach programs.

- Feb 14th staff breakfast – opportunity for Dads, Uncles, and Grandpas to get involved with PTSA and help serve breakfast.

Guest Speaker: Erin Connolly, Issaquah High School Principal

Erin greeted the attendees.

- Fall Sports Updates (Cross Country, Soccer, etc.)
- Fall Play is in full swing – more shows today and tomorrow.
- ASB Veterans Day Assembly
- Winter Sports Night is Nov. 20th.
- SAT is hot topic – will be the 13th of March. Students need to sign up in order to take it. Typically about 100 students take the test each year, which causes a bit of schedule disruption which needs to be managed.
- Discussed AI Generated photos that were created and distributed, and the school's response and communication around this incident. News articles have picked up the story, which is generating more discussion about this. The school will be sending out a message around this later today.
- An incident occurred yesterday at 2nd lunch that required a police response to help contain the "emerging" situation. A communication was sent out to parents about.
- ASB is planning some upcoming events, such as "Winterfest".
- Staff is voting now on finals schedule during the last half of January.
- Questions?
 - What is the school doing to teach digital citizenship to students? Erin discussed general approach currently being taken by the school, and cited some external resources available to families and students.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stone, Secretary

Next General Membership meeting will be on Friday, Jan. 19th, 11am-12:30pm, Hybrid. No meeting scheduled for December.