



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
Hybrid

January 19th, 2024
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, Erin Eaton, Jennifer Adlakha, Kristin Bendt, Linn Abraham, Manjula, Nicola Doyle, Sammi, Shamitha Sridharan, Susan Albertson, Tanya Russell, Tracy Drake, Karla Knickerbocker, Raquel Koz

Call to Order

Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 11:06am. 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.

General Business

Wendy discussed Volunteer Opportunities

- Contact issaquahhighptsa@gmail.com for more details if you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee. Wendy opened the floor for nominations to be on the Nominating Committee. Erin Eaton and Shamitha self-nominated to help with the search. Still in search of a third person.

Guest Speaker: Lindsay Eberhardt, IHS College and Career Center

Lindsay greeted the attendees, and reviewed services offered by College and Career Center

- Common App and College Application Questions
- College Essay Support (more importance since testing scores have been de-prioritized)
- College Search / Programs
- Tech School and Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Scholarships and Financial Aid – middle class students should apply for need-based aid offered from schools (not federal)
- Field Trips and Events
- WAGAP: Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program – New this year to Issaquah School District. If you have a 3.0 or above, and you are in the Issaquah School District, you get automatic acceptance to one of 6 schools in Washington State (application is still required): Western, Central, Eastern, UW Tacoma, Evergreen, WASU
- Resume Support and Interview Preparation

- Xello/HSBP requirements to graduate – details can be found here:
<https://sites.google.com/site/issaquahhsccc/h-s-beyond-plan>
 - Seniors must have CORE Lessons completed by March 1st, 2024
- Two events coming up in February: Great Careers Expo Fieldtrip to Renton Technical College (2/9) and Career Fair during lunch (2/29). Additional fieldtrips in May will be announced soon.
- Book Appointments with the College and Career Center here:
<https://calendly.com/ihscollegeandcareer/30min-st?month=2024-01>
- Questions:
 - Asked to continue to communicate on multiple channels, especially for events
 - Xello questions and communications to parents; parents will receive an invite to get their own account to monitor student's progress
 - When colleges visit, can they stay for both lunches? Yes, this will be changed

Guest Speaker: Will Buker, IHS Assistant Principal

Will greeted the attendees and gave brief background of his experience

- Finals happening next week; trying to work in extra time for kids to connect with teachers before. Snow days impacts schedule, but trying to spread out tests across as many days as possible and give time in between tests.
- No school on Friday next week: Staff day. Teachers spend time getting classrooms set up for 2nd semester, grading finals, etc. training on educational technology. (Multi-language learners technology will be covered this time.)
- Graduation on June 17th; last day for seniors is June 11th, so their finals will be before that.
- Question: Why are there so many ungraded assignments in Canvas? Students go into finals and don't know where they stand. A: *talk to teachers directly, there is something called EL12 that governs when teachers have to accomplish tasks, etc, but allows some flexibility*
- Schedule Change Requests will be managed by Google form to alleviate some of the logistical strain. Graduation requirements get preference. After the 17th, counselors will have drop-in lunch hours to make schedule changes.
- Students can apply for early graduation if they want to – check with Counselor. Senior waivers are available for either 1st or 7th class period; otherwise they need to be enrolled in 7 classes to be considered full time students, even if they don't need the credits to graduate.
- Plans and Preparations in the works for next School Year Schedule
 - February: Course Request Process (CRP) opens for next year; will provide students with more information before they make their selections
 - Teachers will be presenting course information to students
- Discussed concerns around communication to IHS families about incidents that occur at school or involve students – lots of factors to consider before relaying details of the event.

Wendy shared some last-minute announcements, and thanked volunteers by name for the recent staff breakfast. The announcements included slides on the WSPTA Legislative Assembly update, the WSPTA Essay contest, and WSPTA senior scholarship details.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stone, Secretary

Next General Membership meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 9th, 11am-12:30pm, Hybrid.