



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
Hybrid

February 9th, 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, Cristine Varzali, Arthi Mohanraj, Shamitha Sridharan, Qun Pan, Nicola Doyle, Trisha Marshall, Michael Maruchek, Angela Dahrea, Tanya Russell, Raquel Koz, Sammi (?), Pauline Tamblyn,

Call to Order

Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 11:02am. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum (minimum 10 members) was reached. Meeting documents were posted to the IH PTSA website.

General Business

Wendy welcomed attendees and gave a brief outline of the agenda items.
Wendy announced the consent agenda items and called for a motion to adopt.

- January GM Meeting Minutes
- January Financial Reports

Motion 1: Linda Stone moved to adopt consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by Cristine Varzali. Motion passed.

Wendy proposed four individuals to be elected to the Nominating Committee for next year:

- Erin Eaton
- Shamitha Sridharan
- Heeyoung Chung
- Fiona (Beibei) Luan

Motion 2: Linda Stone moved to adopt nominations for Nominating Committee as presented. Seconded by Angela Dahrea. Motion passed.

Housekeeping

- PTSA Online Directory has been updated.
- Membership director stepped down.
- Corporate Annual Report was filed on 5/1/23
- Charitable Organization Registration was renewed on 5/30/23

- Extension for 990 Tax Report filing was received from IRS. Now due on 5/15/24
- Year-end financial review was completed on 9/13/23
- PTSA board approved Social Media Policy on 1/31/24. Posted here:
<https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Pta/Policies>

Guest Speaker: Cristine Varzali, Grants Committee Member

Cristine greeted the attendees, and presented two grants for membership vote:

- The annual budget is 10,000; budget can be increased by GM vote. Balance remaining is \$8250.
- **1st Grant Request: LRC II Pre-Vocation /Pre-Reader Task Boxes; \$250**
These include various supplies to help teachers and students. Can be reused across multiple years.
 - **Motion 3:** Angela Dahrea moved to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Linda Stone. Motion passed.
- **2nd Grant Request: IHS Counselors – Counseling Lunch Events; \$200**
This will cover expenses for the remaining school year. They give away prizes at lunch events that build community, mental health awareness, and college and career readiness with students.
 - Questions: what sorts of things are given away? A: Adult coloring books, pens, stickers, hot cocoa, gift cards, etc. Concern was raised about gift cards. It was noted that PTSA has a gift card policy online.
 - Floor closed, vote was taken, all were in favor.
- Both grants passed.

Awards Committee Update

Shamitha Sridharan announced that the Awards Committee is accepting nominations for Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate and Outstanding Educator awards. Submit nominations here:

<https://issaquahhighptsa.org/page/programpages/awards>

Guest Speaker: Erin Connolly, IHS Principal

Erin greeted the attendees.

- Career and College goals will be explored by students next week.
- CRP dates are Feb 27th and Feb 28th. Course **Request** Process (not Course Registration Process). Will be presented to students and discussed in classes during these dates, and teachers will be helping students make informed decisions. Lock-in date is March 11th. Course availability is dependent on the number of teachers on campus, student interest, etc.
- Shelter In Place incident earlier this week: Erin received lots of feedback asking for more details. The privacy and safety of the student in need were primary concerns, and the school administrators were intentional in activating Shelter In Place protocols.
- Reminder that teachers and staff have two school days to respond to emails, and they get a lot of emails. Please be patient and respectful.
- Questions:
 - Regarding shelter in place, what happens if kids arrive during this event? Doors would be locked. There is a staff member meeting students at the door and directing them where to go depending on the situation.
 - Regarding parents contacting teachers directly – what happens if no response is received after two business days? Would like escalation channels addressed in curriculum night for incoming parents/students.
 - How does the level of response to a given crisis situation get decided? It varies and depends on the situation.
 - Can description of various responses be provided to parents? Ie, difference between Shelter in Place vs. Lockdown vs. Modified Lockdown, etc.

Guest Speaker: Trisha Marshall, Issaquah Schools Foundation

Trisha greeted the attendees and introduced herself.

- ISF Nourish Every Mind Student Showcase
- What does ISF do?
 - Academic Support & Enrichment
 - Mental and Behavioral Health
 - Basic Student Needs
 - Community Outreach
 - Specific to HIS: Provided \$10k to IHS Student Clubs in 2023/2024, Teacher Grants,
- ISD rank 218 out of 317 school districts in per pupil state funding
 - State (66%)
 - Federal (4%)
 - Bonds and Levies (30%)
 - PTA's
 - ISF funds 27 school in ISD district
- Nourish Every Mind Student Showcase, March 28, 12-1pm at Issaquah Community Center (doors open at 11am)
 - Want to raise \$385k to help expand programming.
 - Expecting 550 attendees
 - Mary Nom will MC
 - Registration opens mid-Feb. No cost to attend; looking for lots of donations. Communications will go out to PTSAs
 - Will have 1 or 2 students speak about the Peer-to-Peer tutoring program.
 - PTSA will do a table (or more!) at the event. Let Wendy know if you want to attend and sit at the PTSA table.
 - There will be an online auction following the luncheon from March 28th thru April 7th.
- Questions:
 - Is there a donation amount guideline? No. Primary objective is to get more people there.
 - How do school clubs connect with ISF to request funds? ISF does not receive requests directly from clubs... they donate a bucket of funds to each school and then the school will allocate funds to clubs.
 - Invitations to the NEM event will be published and communicated in multiple languages to various communities.

Close Out Comments and Committee Updates

Wendy shared some last-minute announcements, and thanked volunteers.

- Thanked ACT / SAT Practice test coordinators by name.
- Thanked volunteers for Staff Appreciation Breakfast and VPs of Hospitality by name
- Thanked grants committee members by name.
- Discussed open volunteer opportunities.

Tanya Russel shared updates from the Programs Committee

- College and Career Planning events.
- The community service program is going strong. Record number of students hitting their 100+ volunteer hours.

- Grant requests due April 19th.
- Reflections Art Recognition program – thank yous to all IHS participants and coordinators.
- Senior Scholarships
 - PTSA Scholarships (5x \$1000); application deadline is April 15th
 - Pat Hatmaker Memorial Scholarship; apply by March 4th
 - TEMCOV Foundation Scholarship; apply by May 2nd
 - Impact Scholarship; apply by February 11th
 - WA State PTA Programs and Contests; apply by Feb 15th

Wendy shared info on the Men In Aprons Staff Pancake Breakfast on Feb 14th.

Nicola Doyle shared updates from the Event Committee:

- Deadline for Senior Yard Signs extended to Feb 11th.
- Looking for volunteers to help with Senior Party
 - put together slide show
 - make, print, post posters
 - create program for the event and
 - organize the décor.
- Tickets for Senior Grad Party still on sale

Wendy shared more information and remaining slides:

- Parentwiser events
- Angel Program donations
- Swingin'In event on Saturday, 2/10, is open to all.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stone, Secretary

Next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday evening, **March 19th, 7-8pm**, Zoom Mtg.