



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
Zoom Meeting

March 19th, 2024
7:00 pm

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, Raquel Koz, Jennifer Adlakha, Nancy Lipnickey, Angela Dahrea, Shamitha Sridharan, Nicola Doyle, Tanya Russell, Julie Carr, Karla Knickerbocker, Ana Reyes, Pauline, Jacqueline, Erin Connolly, Gabriella Shapiro, Sara

Call to Order

Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. 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 and guest speakers.

Wendy announced the consent agenda items and called for a motion to adopt.

- February GM Meeting Minutes
- February Financial Reports

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

Housekeeping

- We received our 100% Staff Membership Gold Award. Wendy has also submitted for the PTSA Excellence Award.
- Shamitha Sridharan spoke about the Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate Awards. Tonight is the last chance to nominate. Winners will be announced in April.
- Issaquah Schools Foundation Nourish Every Mind evening on March 28th. Wendy is the table captain and invited anyone to join her at this luncheon event. It is a “free-to-attend” fundraiser.
- Nicola spoke about the 50/50 raffle to be drawn on May 7th. All proceeds benefit the All-Night Grad Party for the Seniors. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale at many future school events.

Guest Speaker: Erin Connolly, IHS Principal

Erin greeted the attendees.

- Erin is going to monitor the chat between each topic.
- Recently had SAT – optional for students. Largest turn-out and was very smooth event.
- Parking and Drop Off reminders: seeing an increase in students parking on campus without a parking pass. Students do need a parking pass. Lots of warnings and tickets are being given out. Please remind your kids to follow these rules. If a parent needs to be on campus and can't find appropriate parking, take a picture of your license and where you are and let the front desk know so they can work that out.
- Musical Shrek was performed last week – fantastic production.
- Japan Expo is tonight – it is a very cool event. Highly recommend going next year.
- Spring Team Sports are up and running and off to a great start!
- Lockdown last week – Erin is limited in what she can share. Acknowledges that there are a lot of discussions and questions swirling around that. She always needs to prioritize student's immediate needs first, and then decide the appropriate response, and then get notifications out to community. Lockdowns are used for a variety of reasons and situations and do not always mean there is an immediate threat or active shooter on campus. There are also different degrees of response (lockdown, modified lockdown, shelter in place, etc.) There is additional security on campus until further notice. Erin is advocating for additional staff to support.
- TOLO dance is coming up. The dance is March 30th. Wild West theme. This is usually a very casual dance. (The word TOLO comes from an indigenous word that means 'strength' or something like that.) Tickets are significantly cheaper if purchased in advance. \$15 in advance, \$30 at the door. Guest forms are required if bringing someone who is not a student at IHS.
- Course Selection Process – counselors spent a lot of time cleaning up requests last week. Classes were cut that had only 17 - 18 students or fewer show interest. March 26 – April 4, students can re-level.
- The finals schedule will come out soon. June 18th is the last day of school. Students should anticipate having two finals each day, all the way through the 17th of June.
- Questions:
 - Jennifer asked about safety in general – should there be an incident where one student's behavior poses a security risk to other students, what is the protocol? Erin replied that they look at severity of risk, pattern of behavior, nature of conflict, etc. Could address with contracts, safety success plans, blocking plans, etc. Laws do guide some suspension actions. Lots of factors play into this, but there is a wide range of responses they can draw from.

Guest Speaker: Ana Reyes, IHS Site Coordinator, Communities in Schools

Ana greeted the attendees and introduced herself.

- Communities In Schools was founded in 1985. Addresses inequalities in education system. CIS partnered with ISD. Partnership expanded this year. Core values: equity, access to support, collaboration.
- CIS offers T1, T2, and T3 support.
 - T1 – community events
 - T2 – small group support
 - T3 – individual support
- Build environmental and economic support for students.
- Started in January – working with counselors and teachers to reach students success. Can take referrals from parents for target students.
- Can provide food, clothing, and hygiene products for students.
 - Accepting hygiene products that they are accepting for students.

- Students do need a consent from parents to work with Ana, but any student can receive clothing or other items if in need.
- Family night is April 30th at 6:30pm. Ana mentioned all the partner organizations by name that will be in attendance. This is a targeted event for Hispanic/Latin families so they can be aware of services available to them in and out of school.
- A video was played that attempted to explain why so many students are still struggling in school.
- Ana shared her contact information and a link to submit referrals.
 - ReyesA@issaquah.wednet.edu,
 - office number (425)837-6062.
 Referral Link: <https://smore.com/n/rqtah>
- No Questions.

Guest Speaker: Gabriella Shapiro, IHS Social worker

Gabriella greeted the attendees and introduced herself.

- This is the first year that ISD had funding for social workers. She started at ISH in November.
- The concept the district had was to provide a team of specialists to come in and help build a more specialized support system for students. The team is to comprise of a social worker, and data administrator, a behavior specialist, etc.
- Gabriella and Ana work in tandem and collaborate with outreach to students, based on student's needs. Gabriella meets with students 1x1 for mental support, but not for counseling (Swedish mental health counselor is for that).
- No Questions.

Close Out Comments and Committee Updates

Wendy shared some additional information before adjourning the meeting:

- Thanked the Staff Appreciation Breakfast Volunteers
- Thanked the Staff Pancake Breakfast Volunteers
- Thanked the Senior Yard Sign Volunteers – will be open for more orders for another week.
- College and Career Center is planning a few events.
 - June 4 – College Admissions 101
 - June 6 –
- Community Service Honor Cords – hours are due May 1st.
- Grant requests due at next meeting
- PTSA Senior Scholarships available
- TEMCOV Foundation Scholarship, due May 2nd
- 2024 Senior Farewell, Tuesday June 11th – still need volunteers!
- PTSA Angel Program Snack and Toiletries Signup

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stone, Secretary