



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
Hybrid Meeting

April 19th, 2024
11:00am

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, Nicola Doyle, Pauline Tamblyn, Cecilia Lee, Shamitha Sridharan, Tracy Drake, Raquel Koz, Terri Hintz, Arthi Mohanraj, Tanya Russell, Katelyn Shriber, Erin Connolly

Call to Order

Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 11:07am. 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.

- March GM Meeting Minutes
- March Financial Reports

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

Events Committee Update:

Nicola gave updates on upcoming senior events.

- Last day to purchase tix to senior party is May 10th.
- Senior farewell is June 11th.
- Now accepting photographs for slide show at senior farewell, and on June 17th at graduation.
- Still looking for volunteers to help with A/V at the events.
- Senior breakfast is coming up.
- The 50/50 raffle is going towards the 2024 all night grad party. Drawing May 7th.

Issaquah High PTSA Volunteer Award Winners, presented by Shamitha Sridharan

Shamitha greeted attendees, thanked volunteers who helped with the selection by name, and reviewed the rubric and guidelines used to determine winners.

- Golden Acorn Award (3 recipients)
 - Tanya Russell
 - Tracy Drake
 - Karissa Mobilia
- Outstanding Advocate Award
 - Julie Gamble
- Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Wendy Maruchek

Guest Speaker: Katelyn Shriber, Issaquah Special Education PTSA

Katelyn greeted the attendees and introduced herself.

- One of 12 special education PTSAs in the state.
- The only SE PTSA that is formed district wide.
- Serves kids with 504s.
 - Overview of Spec Ed and Section 504.
 - IEPs and 504s are often used interchangeably to refer to students needing extra support.
 - Each stem from different federal laws.
 - Special ed student has an IEP. 504 is not necessarily special ed but could be both.
 - IDEA is the law that established IEPs and Spec Ed.
 - 504 comes from the Disabilities Act.
 - [Understood.org](https://www.understood.org/) is an amazing resource that goes into this information in depth.
- What do you do if you suspect your child has a disability?
 - Request a Guidance Team Meeting, in writing, to your teacher, principal, school psychologist, and school special ed teacher. Keep records.
- Why seek help for a high school student?
 - Twice Exception or 2E students
 - Students with undiagnosed learning disabilities can impact mental and emotional health
 - Proper diagnoses can help with decision making on life after high school
 - Students with IEPs and 504s can access support in college
- Issaquah Special Education PSTA is here to help!
 - Parent Power Hours – 2x monthly
 - Facebook group
 - Website resources
 - Email them with questions! hello@issaquahspecialeductionptsa.org

Guest Speaker: Erin Connolly, IHS Principal

Erin greeted the attendees.

- Lots of sophomores getting drivers licenses – still have the issue of limited parking and school is issuing many tickets.
 - Erin inquired with the bond committee about building a parking garage to provide additional parking and it was not moved forward.
- AP testing is coming up. Library is closed during this time for testing. Over 1000 IH students taking tests, also offering testing for students from other high schools. May 11th is an AP US and AP Euro test... will be very busy day.

- SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessments) testing coming up for 10th graders on May 28th and 29th (opting out is an option, but not recommended)
- “Senior Assassin” is in the works. Generally harmless, but can be disruptive.
- Starting to screen candidates for Assistant Vice Principal position.
- Finals start June 6th. She reviewed

Close Out Comments and Committee Updates

Tanya Russell reviewed PTSA Senior Scholarships (29 applicants!) and Reflections Art recognition.

Tracy Drake reviewed status of Community Service Honor Cord recognition.

Wendy shared additional information and updates:

- WA State PTSA convention is in Bothell next year. There is a budget if you want to go.
- Membership Update as of 4/17/24:
 - 581 Family
 - 95 Individual
 - 29 Students
 - 147 Staff (100% Staff Membership Achieved!)
 - **Total Membership: 852**
 - Membership Goal for 2023/24: **900 total members**
- Next GM meeting on May 17th, 11am-12:15pm, Hybrid
- Wendy found District money from a previous bond for new folding chairs for IHS and IMS! Yay Wendy!

Meeting Adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stone, Secretary