

Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: January 15, 2025

Time: 11:00am

Location: Hybrid: In person at Issaquah High School, Issaquah, WA and online via Zoom

Attendance: Wendy Maruchek, Nicola Doyle, Tanya Russell, Raquel Koz, Angela Dahrea, Anjali, Harima Bajaja Sharma, Heeyoung Chung, Lori Garth Green, Melissa Valdez O'Connor, Qun Pan, Tracy Drake, Shamitha Sridharan, Laura Gaffney

Notice given; quorum present.

Meeting called to order.

- I. Election of VP of Events – Interim VP of Events, Harima Bajaja Sharma was named candidate for VP of Events; no further nominations or objections. Through voice vote Harima elected VP of Events.
- II. Treasurer presented financial reports. Financial reports are accepted as presented.
- III. Nominating Committee – In accordance with WSPTA Uniform Bylaws a nominating committee of up to three members is elected for the purpose of identifying, vetting and nominating qualified candidates to serve on the 2025-26 Board of Directors. Tracy Drake has been are nominated as candidate for nominating committee.

Wendy Maruchek motioned to elect Tracy Drake to Nominating Committee; seconded; no objections voiced; in accordance to WSPTA Bylaws if three or fewer candidates nominated, they may be declared elected; motion carried.

- IV. Guest Speakers Kelly Kraft (IHS Assistant Principal) shared finals schedule has been posted. Thanks to ISF, teachers are able to offer study sessions beyond Flex time to students.

Reminded that Jan. 27 is a seniors make-up school day due to day missed during November windstorm. This is to meet the State of Washington's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction requirement that seniors have 175 school days in order to graduate.

Shared course request process beginning Mar 4th/5th for all students. Evening events will be scheduled for current 8th graders (incoming 9th graders) to receive information – TBA.

Observed increase in parking violations: parking without permit, in designated handicap spaces or fire lanes. School will ticket and put students on tow contracts.

- V. Guest Speaker Liliana Medina (ISD Family Partnership Liaison) shared the family liaison role is to support families in navigating and understanding the school system for families, communities and staff. At IHS, Liliana works a lot directly with students. Basic needs are supported with school's social workers.
- VI. Guest Speaker Gabriella Shapiro (IHS General Education Social Worker). Unique to IHS is also liaison to PTSA Angel program, social emotional small groups, VOICE mentor coordinator. Opened a student support center this year at IHS. Help families and students get resources. Looking at engagement events with families and students. The Garage has free mental health counselors who have availability. Discussed PTSA programs that may support Gabriella's work – ie: program subsidies, scholarships, New Family Connections events.
- VII. September minutes approved as written.

Meeting adjourned 12:17pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Russell