



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
IHS Main Conference Room

May 12, 2017
9:30 am

Our PTSA Mission

To expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning and social environment at IHS through programs, volunteers, advocacy, and financial support.

Call to Order Bertina Loeffler Sedlack called the meeting to order at 9:32 am and led introductions. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum present. A sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

Senior Scholarships Anne Watanabe introduced the four IH PTSA Senior Scholarship winners in attendance: Gabriel Bacerdo, Kyle Israel, Madison Gilbert, and Abigail Hotchkiss. Emily Spencer also received an IH PTSA scholarship. Each student was awarded \$1,000.00. Several parents were also in attendance to celebrate their students.

President's Report *(Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and Diane Burdette)*

Thank You Bertina shared thanks to the following committee chairs and volunteers: Lida Buckner, Heidi Fuhs, and volunteers for the April 5 Staff Breakfast; Randi Wright and the Senior Scholarship Committee; Michele Severt and Birgit Aarrestad for arranging for the ACT Prep class (April 22-May 27); Diane Burdette, Patti Miller, Sara Carmichael, Wendy Maruchek, Kim Wilkinson, and Jamie Beck who attended the Washington State PTA Convention (April 28-30); Christy Otley, Mary Denkenberger, and all the volunteers who provided for an All-Star Staff Appreciation Week (May 1-5); Ami Maron and the Healthy Student team on a successful Mechanical Pencil Giveaway on May 1; Patti Miller and the Budget Committee who met May 2; Pamela Krueger for her work on the Community Service Program; Sulehka Shivakumar for organizing Testing Snacks; and Margaret Chalfant and the Grants Committee for their work on the final round of grants.

Issaquah PTSA Council Diane noted two topics discussed at the April 20 council meeting: 1) The district is dealing with a lot of uncertainty out of Olympia. Collective bargaining is going on right now. The legislative uncertainty may cause interruptions in the bargaining process. 2) If you need to update Emergency Contacts for your student(s), you must contact the IHS secretary directly. Updates cannot be completed online.

Secretary's Report *(Sara Carmichael)*

The April 2017 minutes were reviewed, approved as submitted, and filed.

Treasurer's Report *(Patti Miller)*

Patti Miller presented the April 2017 Financial report.

The Grants budget line began the year at \$10,000. During the year, the budget was increased to \$16,000. Two sizeable grants were submitted that, combined, exceed the remaining grants funds.

MOTION 1 Patti Miller moved that the IH PTSA increase Grants budget by \$4,000 (increasing the budget from \$16,000 to \$20,000. The motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was voted upon. The motion carried.

The Senior Farewell is incurring higher costs than in the past because the event is being held at IHS, which requires rental of a sound system. The Senior Party does not have extra funds to contribute (which has been done in the past), and the Senior Events leadership wants to keep the two event's budgets separate for transparency.

MOTION 2 Patti Miller moved that IH PTSA increase the Senior Farewell budget by \$1,800.00, from \$1,600.00 to \$3,400.00. The motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was voted upon. The motion carried.

Through a discussion with Principal Andrea McCormick, Bertina and Diane found out that having more funds for summer school is more important to the school than testing snacks. It was suggested that the IH PTSA move the remaining Testing Snacks budget (\$580.00) to the Summer School budget category.

MOTION 3 Patti Miller moved that IH PTSA increase the summer school budget by \$580.00, from \$2,500.00 to \$3,080.00. The motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was voted upon. The motion carried.

Other Financial Business

- The April 2017 bank statements were reviewed by Margaret Chalfant, an independent non-signer. Margaret Chalfant recognized Patti's work as treasurer and pointed out that she hand writes all the checks for IH PTSA.
- No insurance claims were filed in April 2017.
- The Budget Committee met May 2 to prepare the 2017-2018 budget.

Business

WSPTA Convention Summary Bertina presented Valerie Yanni and Tami Curtis the Silver Award for Newsletter/Eblast that was awarded at the WSPTA Convention. Also at convention, IH PTSA received the Platinum Award for Standards of Excellence, one of only two high schools in the state to achieve Platinum. Congratulations to Bertina for co-leading the PTSA this year and assembling the award-winning application.

IH PTSA Election of New Officers

After executive committee elections at the April 7 GMM, the position of VP Events remained unfilled. Two candidates have stepped forward. Diane Burdette nominated Wendy Maruchek and Onti Rosen to serve as co-VP Events. Seconded. With no other nominations from the floor and no objections, Diane announced the nominations for VP Events was closed.

MOTION 4 Dea Barnett moved to elect Wendy Maruchek and Onti Rosen for co-VP Events. The motion was seconded. A voice vote was held. The motion carried.

Open Executive Officer Positions Bertina noted that the positions of Co-President and VP Communications are still open.

Committee Chair Program Evaluations Diane spoke to the usefulness of Program Evaluations, especially during transition. Diane will send emails to committee chairs tomorrow. Completed evaluations are due no later than June 2.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Dea Barnett reported that not much has changed regarding state budgeting. A bill supporting youth mental health, which fits with the state PTA goal of social/emotional health, is making headway.

Programs

Community Service Pamela Krueger shared that 158 seniors (about 20% of seniors) have earned their Community Service Honor Cord. This group of seniors is the first to have to meet the 100 hour requirement; 158 seniors logged over 30,000 volunteer hours.

Parent Ed Dea Barnett noted that the Parent Ed Library has 15 books. Parents can check out the books in the IHS Library before or after school using your student's ID. All books are due back May 22. Dea will be posting a catalog of available books on the IH PTSA website. There is a box in the front office where parent education book donations can be dropped off.

ParentWiser Heidi Fuhs promoted the final ParentWiser event of the year. On May 22, at Café 1910 at Swedish Issaquah, ParentWiser will facilitate a book discussion and debrief of the Jessica Lahey Gift of Failure presentation. You don't have to have read the book or attended the presentation to attend.

Healthy Student Anne Watanabe reported that Ami Maron and her team handed out Be True-themed mechanical pencils to students as they arrived at school on May 1. IHS is planning a mental health awareness week for May 22-24 to increase awareness of available services and the spectrum of mental health issues. Also, Healthy Student is using PTSA funds to buy chocolate bars branded with Be True and displaying the sentiment, "Make this a night to remember, not to forget." They will be handed out as kids leave the Prom.

New Family Ambassador Anne Watanabe noted that the final New Family Ambassador event of the year will be a potluck at Leslie Guajardo's home on May 18 at 11:30am.

Grants Margaret Chalfant reported that the Grants committee met May 2 to evaluate two grants.

Kelly Crickmore, IHS Librarian, submitted a grant request for updated audio/visual equipment in the amount of \$4100. The money would be used to replace old projectors.

MOTION 5 Margaret Chalfant moved that IH PTSA grant \$4100 to purchase new projectors for the library. The motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was voted upon.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 17 Votes For: 14 Votes Against: 2
Abstentions: 1

The motion carried.

Mark Moody, IHS Art Teacher, submitted a grant titled Heat it Up II requesting the purchase and installation of two kilns for use by the ceramics classes. The current kilns are failing from age and use. The Art Department is receiving an ISF Kateri Brow grant to replace two of the four kilns. This IH PTSA grant request is to replace the other two.

MOTION 6 Margaret Chalfant moved that IH PTSA grant \$6,100 for the purchase and installation of two kilns for the art department. The motion was seconded. After discussion the motion was voted upon.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 16 Votes For: 16 Votes Against: 0
The motion carried.

Events

Senior Events Robin Hodder remarked that the number of students signed up for the Senior Party is around 260.

The—numbers in 260s for party, promoting on campus, fundraiser signs 95 sold, \$20 each \$13 profit per sign;

Liz Rudolph noted that she expects more students to audition for Senior Farewell now that AP testing is completed. Liz announced that the keynote speaker will be Tim Baynes, current IMS Assistant Principal and former IHS Activities Director. Invitations to Senior Farewell went out this week. The event is free to public and is The Best Time to get pictures of seniors in their cap and gown with friends and family. Anne Watanabe is creating a slideshow for Senior Farewell and is collecting photos of graduates to include in the slideshow.

PE 5K The Spring PE 5K is June 2 beginning at 9:55am. They are expecting 650 runners. Requests for volunteers have gone out.

Communications

Valerie Yanni provided a recap of the ISF Nourish Every Mind Luncheon held May 11 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. About 1,200 people attended. The ISF Breakfast is Wednesday, May 17. Valerie also noted that the IHS Radio Station is an ISF Grant recipient.

Hospitality

Staff Appreciation Ginger Wilfong shared highlights from the Staff Appreciation week held May 1-5 featuring an All-Star Baseball theme.

Staff Luncheon Ginger is planning the last staff luncheon scheduled for June 15. She is working with Vance Dingfelder from Nourish Catering on a Mexican menu.

Testing snacks Testing snacks will not be provided for the Biology EOC. The funds have been reallocated to IHS Summer School support.

Speakers

Andrea McCormick, Principal Andrea McCormick shared her thanks for Staff Appreciation week and noted that the teachers feel loved. • Andrea explained how the IHS Summer School program works and how the school uses PTSA Summer School Scholarships. • Andrea shared plans for the Week of Welcome, the first week of school that will include orientation information, back-to-school business, and non-academic topics to address Whole Child Wellness.

Officer Dave Turner, School Resource Officer Congratulations to Officer Dave Turner who is officially the new IHS School Resource Officer. • Regarding parking, Officer Turner has received complaints from neighbors. Remind students to be kind and respectful of people's property. • Regarding cyber-safety, remind students that what they post is always out there, whether they've deleted or not. "Don't post anything you don't want grandma to see." • Lastly, Officer Turner noted the district policy of requiring parental permission for seniors and juniors to leave campus at lunch.

Erin Connolly, Activities Director Erin Connolly noted that various sports and clubs are doing well and are busy wrapping up the year. • AP testing was held during the last couple of weeks. ASB supplied some snacks. • Erin thanked the PTSA for Staff Appreciation week. • <<High School Nation, an arts festival, will be on campus Monday May 15 from 12:10-2:16pm. • DECA is facilitating the Mr. Issaquah contest on Wednesday, May 17. • The Color Run is happening on May 24. Students are released from class at 2:25. The run will start around 2:35. Registration costs \$20.00. Additional volunteers may be needed. • The Multicultural Fair is on for Wednesday May 31 from 4:00-6:00 in the Commons. Information is in the IHS eNews. • The Prom is June 3. Senior Class finances are fine. • Budgeting and planning for next year are already underway: Homecoming is scheduled for September 23, Winter Formal will be either December 9 or January 27, TOLO will be March 31, and Prom will be June 2, 2018.

Adjourned 11:38

Next Meeting: June 2, 2017 9:30 am IHS Main Conference Room