



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
IHS Main Conference Room

September 16, 2016
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 9:30 am. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum present. A sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

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

Bertina led introductions of the IH PTSA Board of Directors and members. She thanked the following people: IH PTSA Board of Directors for conducting business over the summer; New to IHS Night chairs Diane Burdette and Bertina Loeffler Sedlack plus significant contributions by Randi Wright, Robin Hodder, Leslie Guarjardo, and Jen Crewe; Ginger Wilfong for Staff Lunch; Marsha Powers and Deena Eastern for Picture Day; Lisa McGowan for Textbook Checkout; Michelle Enebo and Julie Hart for Staff Bios; Diane Burdette for Mock SAT/ACT Combo Test; Lida Buckner, Heidi Fuhs, and PTSA volunteers who provided food for the Staff Breakfast; and Valerie Yanni for several website and communication activities.

Issaquah PTSA Council Report *(Diane Burdette)*

The Issaquah PTSA Council is a district-level PTSA with meetings attended by PTA presidents from all the ISD schools. Current Council President is Becky Gordon. Superintendent Ron Thiele provided updates on ISD including district grown (450 more students this year), three new schools opened (new IMS, Gibson Ek, and rebuilt Sunny Hills), remodeling and expansion plans, property acquisitions, staffing challenges, and a commitment to have a decision on Bell Times by December 1.

Secretary's Report *(Sara Carmichael)*

The June 2016 General Membership Meeting minutes were reviewed, approved as submitted, and filed.

Treasurer's Report *(Patti Miller)*

Patti Miller noted the following items:

- The year-end financial review for the period ending 6/30/2016 was completed in August. The financial review was clean.
- The July and August 2016 bank statements were reviewed by Margaret Chalfant.
- No claims have been filed on our AIM insurance policy for the period July and August 2016.
- The Fiscal 2015-16 Tax Return (990) due to the IRS by November 15, 2016 was filed in August 2016.
- The Annual Corporate Renewal Report and Charitable Solicitations Act Registration due to the Secretary of State by May 2017 was completed in August 2016 and accepted by the State.
- Patti Miller presented the August 2016 Financial report.
- Patti also compared income to date for August 2016 and August 2015.
- Two volunteers are needed for the Financial Review Committee, which conducts the mid-year and end-of-year financial reviews.

2016-2017 Budget

Patti Miller presented proposed budget changes: Increase grants from \$10,000 to \$16,000 and increase Senior Scholarships from \$4300 to \$5300.

[Motion 1] Anne Watanabe moved that the budget be amended by an additional \$6,000 to Grants and an additional \$1,000 to Senior Scholarships. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and approved.

Business

2016-2017 Standing Rules

Bertina Loeffler Sedlack noted that the Standing Rules are rules that the PTSA imposes on itself. The BOD reviews them annually reviews and presents revisions to the General Membership for approval. Most of the proposed revisions are recommended by the Washington State PTA.

[Motion 2] Ann Watanabe moved that the Standing Rules be amended as proposed by the board. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried.

Issaquah PTSA Council Delegates

Bertina announced that IH PTSA is allowed four delegates to the Issaquah PTA Council meetings. She and Diane are delegates. They are looking for two more delegates and an alternate delegate. If you are interested, contact Bertina or Diane. Dea Barnett expressed interest.

Open Committee Chairs

Serving as a PTSA committee chair is a great way to get connected to IHS and work with great people. The following Committee Chair positions are currently open:

- Membership
- Best Practices/Standards of Excellence
- College Test Prep
- Parent Ed
- Signage
- Senior Baccalaureate

Additionally, the committee chairs for the Grant Committee and Community Service Committee are looking for co-chairs.

Contact Bertina or Diane if you are interested in serving.

Future Leadership

IH PTSA elects new leadership every year. Elections will be held in April, but it's not too early to express interest and learn from the current officers. Contact Bertina or Diane for more information.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Dea Barnett noted that PTA started as an advocacy program. Today it encompasses local advocacy as well as state level legislative interests. Legislative Assembly is October 21-22 in Olympia. Focus Day is in January, also in Olympia. If you are interested in the world of advocacy and would like to be notified of Action Alerts, sign up through the Advocacy page on the IH PTSA website. Dea also encouraged members to take the survey (available on Advocacy page) about your top membership issues and to register to vote (deadlines are October 8 and 10 for the general election).

Hospitality *(Ginger Wilfong)*

Staff Breakfast Staff Breakfasts occur once a month. If you would like to be on the list of volunteers to provide food items, sign up for General Hospitality on the IH PTSA website using the Volunteer Parent link.

Food Safety Washington state PTA requires that, when preparing and serving food to staff at the school, at least one committee member hold a Food Handlers Certificate. IH PTSA will reimburse the \$10.00 fee.

Coffee New for PTSA meetings this year: a Keurig Coffee Maker. Members will be asked to bring their own mug to help reduce waste and support IHS being a Green school. Check the meeting announcement for the designated Mug Theme.

Events *(Randi Wright and Robin Hodder)*

Robin reported that several events have already been successfully completed, including New to IHS night, Picture Day, and Textbook Checkout. Thanks again to the committee chairs and volunteers.

Communications *(Valerie Yanni)*

Valerie introduced Dora Hastings, who is responsible for the PTSA display case just outside the main office.

Facebook users, be sure to Like and Share the Issaquah High PTSA Facebook page.

Staff Bios Valerie thanked Michelle Enebo and Julie Hart for their work on the Staff Bios project. They photographed and interviewed 27 new staff members and created a laminated sign for their office or classroom. Thanks to the workroom people who helped laminate. The committee is preparing a disc for school to update bios going forward.

ISF Ambassador Carri Christianson-Frueh is this year's ISF Ambassador for IH PTSA. ISF is in the middle of their All in For Kids campaign. Calling nights will be November 10 and 15. Dining for Kids at Mod Pizza on October 5. The Nourish Every Mind Luncheon and Breakfast are held in May.

Contact Carri to learn more. Executive Director Robin Callahan is leaving ISF to lead the National Schools Foundation. Kailee Jaech is serving as ISF interim director. Participate in the ISF Stakeholder survey. There is a section directed toward current high schoolers.

Today is ISD Robin Callahan Day.

Special Services Liaison Becky Gordon noted that, at the Council level, the term Special Needs is being replaced with the STAR acronym (Special Education, Team Building, Advocacy, Resources). An upcoming A Parent Ed presentation on Positive Parenting: How to Reframe and shift thinking about Kids and Parenting is scheduled for 10/19, 7pm, at the IHS Theater.

Safety Liaison Ami Maron reported that emergency backpacks and buckets have been prepped for the new school year. The Safety Liaison works with Security Officer Neil Lasher and Officer Diego and also accepts input and issues from the membership.

Programs *(Onti Rosen and Anne Watanabe)*

College Test Prep Diane Burdette noted that the College Test Prep committee works with outside businesses to help kids prepare for college testing (SAT, ACT). The mock tests also serve as a PTSA fundraiser. The committee chair position is open. The SAT Prep Class, starting tomorrow, is full.

New Family Ambassadors Leslie Guajardo is committee chair for the New Family Ambassadors program, which links seasoned IHS parents with parents new to the school (IHS has over 150 new families). Sign up to become an ambassador. Leslie is hosting a community building Welcome Coffee on Tuesday September 20. All PTSA members are welcome.

Community Service Pamela Krueger is committee chair of the Community Service Program, which promotes community service by recognizing students who perform 100 hours of service over the course of their high school career. The committee also helps connect students to organizations that need volunteers.

Angel Program Julie Siefkes and Barb Howe co-chair the Angel Program for students who qualify for free and reduced lunches. The Angel Closet is a clothing bank. Funds are used to target specific purchases of clothing. (Angel Closet is no longer accepting used clothing.) The Angel Closet is open monthly and by request. Angel Program also provides Homecoming & Prom closets, food for breaks, a holiday gift program, and Senior yearbooks and pictures (thanks to photographers Michelle Enebo, Alison Smiley, and Nancy Chabot for their donated services). A new program will reach students that don't qualify for the Free & Reduced program, but may have needs under special circumstances. Email Julie or Barb or check website for more information. Lisa Hollingsworth is the school liaison for the Angel Program.

Grants Margaret Chalfant described the grant process. The IH PTSA budget includes \$16,000 for grants. Anyone can submit a grant request including teachers, staff, and parents. The committee reviews requests against a rubric. There are three grant cycles. The deadlines are October 21, January 20, 2017, and April 21, 2017. Margaret needs a couple more people to serve on the Grant committee.

Parent Ed Parent Education is being centralized under the Issaquah PTSA Council and renamed to ParentWiser. The first scheduled event is a showing of SCREENAGERS: Growing up I the Digital Age on October 17, 7-8:30 in the IHS Auditorium. The documentary will be followed by a Panel Q&A. The documentary is appropriate for students and parents K-12. The IH PTSA Parent Ed Committee Chair position is open.

Healthy Student Committee Chair position is open. The program theme is Be True.

Speakers

Security Officer Neil Lasher, Officer Diego, and Assistant Principal Adam Desautels Neil was voted Security Officer of the Year by the Washington School Safety Organization. Parking and traffic control has been a challenge. All carpools and 120 single seniors have been assigned parking spaces. More stop signs will be installed in the parking lot to help with traffic.

Officer Diego noted the year has started well.

If you witness illegal activity at the skate park, call the police main line (not 911).

Andrea McCormick, Principal • Graduation date is set for June 12, 2017, 1:00 pm, at Safeco Field. • Curriculum Night recap, including possible improvements for the shuttles, keeping a food truck at school for parents, and keeping the bookkeeper window open. • Student population is at 2332, slightly over projections. • The school has a goal of improving overall health of students and addressing issues outside of classrooms. • All students will attend a rules presentation in the theater with Andrea. • IHS is implementing a mentorship program called Adopt an Eagle. 150 students have been identified for the program. Teachers check in once a week with their student. • Administration and staff is getting training on anxiety. Children's Hospital is working with the IHS mental health staff person on anxiety training.

Erin Connolly, ASB Advisor • September 29 New students check in with counselors. • All-school assembly with Pride and Tradition theme. All students received free t-shirt on the first day of school. • Grade level assemblies will take place October 7 to discuss class goals and budget. • Clubs Fair is October 7 after school. • Homecoming Week is Oct 11-14 with the dance on Saturday October 15. The theme is Under the Big Top. The charity supported by Homecoming activities is Special Olympics, with emphasis on LRC2 involvement. The week will feature a carnival, kickball activity, lip sync, and a color run. Encourage kids to sign up early for the run.

Adjourned 11:35am

Next Meeting

October 14, 2016 IHS Main Conference Room

9:00 am Social Time

9:30 am Meeting