



# General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah High PTSA  
2.6.45

IHS Main Office  
Conference Room

May 13, 2016

**Welcome and Call to Order** – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and Becky Gordon

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with the minutes.

**Senior Scholarships** – Randi Wright presented awards to the four 2016 scholarship honorees – Anne Ginthner, Olga Andreeva, Amy Behar and Samantha Harbeck were awarded \$1000 each for their continuing education. We wish them well as they graduate from IHS and in all their future endeavors.

**Election of New Officers** – Bertina presented new nominees for Board of Directors positions.

For office of Treasurer: Patti Miller

For office of Vice President of Events: Robin Hodder and Randi Wright

**Motion:** Stacy Heller moved that we elect nominees for both positions with one vote. Seconded. A voice vote was held, and the nominees were elected unanimously.

**President's Report** – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and Becky Gordon

Accomplishments/Thank yous

- Bertina Loeffler Sedlack thanked Emily Palmgren, Community Service Program Chair, Sara Carmichael and Valerie Yanni for their efforts to awarding ~250 seniors with honor cords. The number of recipients is up from 170 last year.

- Bertina thanked Christy Otley, Staff Appreciation Chair, for her efforts in putting on the week's events. She thanked Sandi Lum, Stacy Heller and Liz Herbst for supporting Christy.
- Bertina thanked Randi Wright, Senior Scholarship Program Chair, for all of her work on the Senior Scholarships. She thanked Sandi Lum for her efforts in Chairing the Outstanding Educator Award and Presentation.
- Bertina thanked Kristen Allen Bentsen and Jana White for their efforts in Chairing the Parent Ed Committee and for organizing the screening of Screenagers last Thursday. There were ~ 300 in attendance.
- Bertina thanked Suleekha Shivakumar for her efforts in Chairing Testing Snacks.
- Bertina thanked "Early Riser", Colleen Cordova for getting up at 4am to bake scones for the Staff Appreciation Breakfast.
- Bertina offered congratulations to Becky Gordon who was elected Council President.
- Bertina congratulated Kristen Allen Bentsen who was nominated for the office of PTSA President at IMS.

**Member Survey Results** – The survey revealed that members would like to keep the Senior Party "as is" and would like to include an email address in the IHS Directory. Members would also like to have digital access to the IHS Directory in addition to the paper copy.

**Council Report** – Becky Gordon provided a council update.

- Becky offered congratulations to all for passing the bond at 70%.
- Influence the Choice Movie Entries – 33 entries and 11 winners. The awards ceremony is on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Sammamish Teen Center.
- Tools 4 Schools Supply Drive – June 13th; list of needed supplies available.
- Becky clarified that the class of 2020-2021 is the first class that could be affected by the new high school boundaries as a result of the bond measure that passed.
- Gibson Ek will have their PTA Charter in June 2016.
- District Bell Times meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30; IHS

**WSPTSA Convention** – Becky invited all to attend the convention, May 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>; asked for individuals who would like to be voting delegates.

**Motion:** Anne Watanabe made a motion that Patti Miller, Bertina Loeffler-Sedlack, Cyn Baumert and Diane Burdette to be elected as voting delegates to the WA State PTSA Convention. Seconded.

**A voice vote was held, and the nominees were elected unanimously.**

**Secretary's Report** – Liz Herbst presented the April GMM draft minutes and no changes or corrections were suggested. Minutes will be filed as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** – Diane Burdette

- The Financial reports are attached to the minutes.
- Margaret Chalfant reviewed the March and April bank statements and everything checked out.

### **Committee Reports**

**Outstanding Educator Awards Chair** – Sandi Lum presented awards to five teachers, the attendance secretary, the security office head and one bus driver for their dedication to our students and community at the Staff Meeting on Wednesday. The recipients were: Jennifer Cerasoli, Sharon Alder, Neil Lasher, Denise Moberly, Chris Foley, Lisa Hollingsworth, and Joe Lee.

**Membership** – 1266 members

### **Business**

**Committee wrap up** – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack requested that committee chairs would like program evaluations completed by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The more detail that can be provided, the better.

### **Communications**

**ISF Liaison** – Kirsten Allen Bentsen thanked all who came to the ISF Luncheon or Breakfast and encouraged all to come next year. Bertina thanked Kirsten for doing a great job.

**Special Services Liaison** – Special Olympics Track and Field has 8 players that are going to State on June 4-5 at Fort Lewis.

### **Programs**

**Grant Committee** – Sally Feldman presented summaries of the grants submitted for consideration.

**Motion by: Jody Mull that we approve a grant for \$9625.00 to pay for education materials needed for non-Gen Ed classes. Seconded. Voted and approved unanimously.**

**Angel Program** – Onti Rosen- she said that there were many donations for prom from dresses, to services for students. There is currently a request for sunscreen for students over the summer. She thanked Boosters, who provided funding for family members to buy tickets to school sporting events. Next year, Angel will look to expand this to

funding for plays. Looking forward to additional opportunities to partner with Boosters with the addition of a Boosters Liaison.

College Test Prep – Diane Burdette– the last offering is on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 am IHS. This is a diagnostic combination ACT/SAT test. Diane called for 1 additional volunteer to proctor the exam.

Community Service Program – Emily Palmgren reported a successful year with ~225 students qualified for the honor cord, with 75 hours or more of service reported. Some students far exceeded the threshold with some working 500, 800 or even 1000 hours of service. Some suggestions for making the program more successful and easier to run would be to implement a digital system for tracking hours. Emily feels that is not sustainable to keep physical logs for 200+ students from Freshman to Senior years. Emily also suggested to have the Volunteer Fair earlier in the year. She feels that February would be a good time.

### **Hospitality**

Staff Appreciation – Stacy Heller – The Chair, Christy Otley did a fantastic job, but had some difficulty with the donations. Many of the donated items were not delivered, especially on Monday. A last minute trip to the grocery store was necessary.

Student Recognition Breakfast – Chaired by Stacey Feinsilber– this event is on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Principal's Report – Andrea McCormick updated the membership with information about 7<sup>th</sup> period. Registration is now open. Generally, these are given on a first come, first serve basis, with the exception of top priority, which is given to seniors who need classes to graduate. The administration is working on addressing the "social piece" that new students experience. There will be a new flyer added to the welcome packet that includes information about "Ask a Counselor Day", the Family Ambassador program, how to schedule a 1:1 meeting with the counselor once school records have transferred, and links to school videos. There have been many questions about the timeline of boundary changes now that the school bond has passed. This year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class (Class of 2021) is the first that will most likely be impacted.

ASB Updates – Erin Connelly thanked the membership for all that was done for Staff Appreciation Week! She reported that through recent fundraisers, the senior class raised \$3700, which was enough to keep prom tickets at \$35/each. Efforts will be made in the future to have each class start fundraising as early as freshman year to keep prom ticket prices down. Sport's Week is coming up and will include games such as Buff Puff, Dodge Ball and Spike Ball. Please remind students that in order to participate, they must have parents fill out an

informed consent. They are working with the district to make this an online process starting this fall. Event planning is underway for Senior Week from May 31<sup>st</sup>– June 4<sup>th</sup>, which will include the tradition of Senior Wish Night. The balloons being released this year are biodegradable. Lol. Acoustic Night is up in the air. Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> from 6–8pm. Will include Sports and Activities Interest Fair. Dates for next year's dances have been decided: Homecoming – October 15<sup>th</sup>; Winter Formal – December 10<sup>th</sup>; and TOL0 –April 1<sup>st</sup>

*Meeting adjourned at 11:28am*

–Minutes prepared by Liz Herbst, IH PTSA Secretary

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