



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
Issaquah High School Main Conference Room
September 11th, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

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

Highlights/Thank yous-

Bertina recognized the BOD members for their work during the summer, the August BOD retreat and during the early days of school

Bertina thanked the Communications team-Valerie Yanni and Tami Curtis; the BOD and Hospitality team-Stacy Heller and Sandi Lum for their work on New to IHS Night; the Hospitality team and BOD members for a terrific Staff Luncheon; Valerie Yanni, Ginger Wilfong, Stephanie Morton for their great work on Picture Day and Textbook Check Out; Michelle Enebo and Julie Hart for the Staff Bios; Stacy Heller and Diane Burdette for providing early breakfast for the students involved in the Pep Rally; Amy Maron for her work on the Emergency Back Packs which are all restocked; Kate Badiozamani for her work on the Staff Membership Campaign. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help out with all of these great programs.

Bertina also thanked Becky Gordon, Co-President for her tireless work and mentoring.

Becky discussed her meeting with Andrea McCormick. Andrea will give an update on the data gathered about the Summer School Program that was partially funded by the IHS PTA

Becky provided a Council update. One thousand new students were added to the district in the past two years. On September 23, the School Board will consider taking action to approve the School Bond recommendation. For more information related to the bond: issaquah.wednet.edu/2016-school-bond-feasibility

Becky reported that Superintendent Ron Thiele said that the most secure measures are in place and are being used for the volunteer application, which includes the submission of the volunteers' driver's licenses. Email Jill MacDonald to confirm that volunteer applications have been approved. Email is: macdonaldj@issaquah.wednet.edu

Secretary's Report-Liz Herbst

Minutes from the June 2015 GM meeting were prepared and presented. The minutes will be filed as amended.

Treasurer's Report/Budget-Diane Burdette

Year-End Financial Parent Review Committee met on July 21st and all was satisfactory. Only comment was to update the Capital One Mutual Fund bank information.

Diane proposed the following line item changes to the budget:

Increase Staff Lunches from \$750 to \$2000

Add line item "Other Hospitality Expenses" for \$250.00

Increase Pass the Hat from \$26,000 to \$30,000 to reflect actual

Decrease New to IHS Night from \$750 to \$250 to reflect actual

There was discussion regarding the proposed increase to the Staff Luncheon budget.

Motion #1 Bertina Loeffler Sedlack made the motion to increase the Staff Luncheon Budget from \$750 to \$1750. Seconded, discussion, voted upon, motion passed.

Approval of the 2015-2016 Budget

Motion #2 Jody Mull made the motion that the IHS PTSA approve the 2015-16 budget as presented. Seconded, discussion, voted upon, motion passed.

The July and August Financial Reports are filed with these minutes. Margaret Chalfant completed bank reconciliations for July and August

Business-Becky Gordon

Approval of 2015-2016 Mission and Goals

Motion #3 Onti Rosen made the motion that the IHS PTSA adopt the 2015-2016 Mission and Goals as stated. Seconded, discussion, voted upon, motion passed.

Approval of 2015-2016 Standing Rules

Motion #4 Bertina Loeffler Sedlack made the motion that the IHS PTSA accept the Standing Rules as revised. Seconded, discussion, voted upon, motion passed.

Issaquah PTSA Council Voting Delegates:

In addition to Bertina and Becky, Anne Watanabe and Stacey Feinsilber offered to be Issaquah PTSA Council Voting Delegates. Valerie Yanni will be the alternate.

Open Committee Chairs- Bertina

Many resources available to prospective chairs, including: Program evaluations, Committee Chair Instructions, former Committee chair members and the support of the BOD.

Open Committee Chairs include: Pride and Recognition Awards, Testing Snacks, Staff Appreciation Week, Fashion Show, Volunteer Coordinator, and College Test Prep.

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter - Valerie Yanni and Tami Curtis

- The website is continually being updated.
- Facebook is a great, positive promoter of PTSA stuff. Send Tami items and she'll "fill in gaps", as needed. Pictures are great!
- The display board is new, thanks to Dora Hastings, and located to the left of the main office. They are looking for suggestions. There is also a brochure dispenser that contains information on: Community Service, Membership and New Families
- Michelle Enebo and Julie Hart completed staff bios

VIS –Becky Gordon

- Vote for Issaquah Schools (VIS)-upcoming bond vote
- Best place for information-go to website www.visvote.org
- Push is to get land now, while it is available

New Family Ambassadors – Leslie Guarjardo

- Establish point of contact for new families
- 1:1 ambassador
- Will host a welcome coffee in near future
- Will share data with Andrea
- Eventually would like to provide 1:1 student match

Newcomers

- Informational, new-to-district event

Senior Events

- All Night Party-biggest roadblock at this point is-no date for graduation yet
- Date should be set by the end of the month
- Jody Mull is updating Senior calendar, send her items

VP Programs – Anne Watanabe

Angel Program – Julie Siefkes and Barb Howe

- Determining how to distribute money this year; no longer giving gift cards
- Already have 100 volunteers to work the closet

Parent Education – Jana White and Kristen Allen Bentsen

- Up and running-goal is to be timely and relevant
- First event is October 27th, 7pm, speaker is Officer Diego Zanella

Reflections – Leah Gibson and Tiffany Aske

- "Let Your Imagination Fly"-2015-2016 theme
- Submissions deadline: October 30th
- District voting week of November 20th
- Categories – Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Film/Video, Choreography/Dance, Music Composition

Community Service Program – Emily Palmgren

- Making progress toward utilizing SharePoint application
- Will make it easier to store, track and manage student's volunteer hours
- Eventually would like to highlight individual students

Advocacy – Randi Wright

- Legislative Assembly: October 24, 2015
- PTA will pay for attendance for all interested, just let us know

Membership – Kate Badiozamani

- 638 members (132 have only one family member)
- 35 teachers to date
- Will post a poster in the mailroom inviting teachers to join PTSA
- Bertina commented that staff appreciation gestures are independent of teacher membership

Call for volunteers

- PE class on Mondays (all day) in the gym/weight room
- Keep an eye on the students
- Will send brief email to members

IHS Administration Updates

ASB Representatives – Delaney Huesgsen and Isabella Marcus

- Homecoming week – Sept 21st-25th
- Homecoming Dance - September 26th, 8:30-11:00pm
- Individuals encouraged to go with friends
- Charity-“Strong Against Cancer”-Seattle Children’s Hospital
- Fundraiser-Color Run-September 25th-1:15-2:15pm; \$15.00 to participate
- Call for chaperones for the fun run, and especially for the dance

Resource Officer-Officer Diego Zanella

- Brief introduction – 10 year vet with the Issaquah Police Department; Previous experience in undercover/narcotics investigation
- No drug incidents so far this year
- Very serious problem occurring with student misuse of technology
- Sexting of underage individuals is child pornography; it is a felony
- Officer requests parents help in educating their children about the seriousness and consequences of this behavior; many students are naïve about this issue
- 85% time it is secondary to use of drugs and alcohol
- Receiving such an image is not an offense-just delete it and best to notify the authorities
- Do not keep possession of such an image
- Forwarding such an image is a crime – a felony

Principal – Andrea McCormick

- Thanked everyone for amazing help with New to IHS night, Picture Day, and Textbook Checkout-all went off without a hitch
- Summer School data – 13 students needed credits to graduate on time – all but one completed the needed coursework with a grade of “C” or better and obtained credit
- Library – extended hours, starting September 14th; will continue to collect data with check-in sheets
- New Family data – correlation between transfer students (1st-4th year) and more issues with attendance and grades
- We want to help-1) Julie Frederiksen involved 2) Identify these students to teachers so they can engage with them 3) Counselors have breakfast or lunch for these students and identify their needs

Assistant Principal’s Secretary - Jill MacDonald

- Volunteer approval process is new - currently no notification sent to volunteers.
- To check whether individuals have been approved, contact Jill: macdonaldj@issaquah.wednet.edu
- It is the responsibility of chair heads to check their list of volunteers

Adjourn-12:32 pm

