

General Membership Meeting/Board Of Directors Meeting

Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45

Proper notice was given to all members and a quorum was present.

Call to Order and Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

Golden Acorn Awards Presentation

The committee consisting of Chair Kellie Woodford, Julie Lomax Brauff, Jody Mull and Marie-Christine Longo presented the following members as Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate award recipients:

- 2013 Golden Acorn – Laurie Foreman, Angel Committee Chair
- 2013 Outstanding Advocate – Becky Gordon – Special Needs Program
- 2013 Outstanding Advocate – Kim Michael, IHS Registrar, Angel Program

President's Report – Blair Baumer

- Blair acknowledged Julie Siefkes for her efforts in chairing the Awards Committee; completing both the Standards of Excellence and Taking Significant Action applications for submission to the WSPTA, Karla Greer for chairing HSPE Snacks, Kellie Woodford, Chair of the Golden Acorn Committee and Pat Batt, Stephanie Morton and Doris Ong for the orchestrating the successful fashion show.
- Blair announced that Alison Meryweather was recently appointed to the School Board, our membership now includes Alison and Anne Moore as school board representatives.
- The Community Conversations Committee (Issaquah Schools Foundation, Issaquah Education Association, Issaquah School District, and PTSA) is hosting a forum at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the [Issaquah High theater](#). Learn from the State Board of Education about the Achievement Index, discuss the proposed law to "grade" all schools, and give your input about what makes a school great (or not).
- The 100th WAPSTA Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue, May 3-5, 2013 for information on classes and registration see: <http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/con13/index.html> Please contact Blair if you are interested in attending.

Secretary's Report - Cyn Baumert

- February minutes were presented and filed.

Treasurer's Report –Blair Baumer

- February financial reports were presented and filed.
- February bank statements have been reviewed and filed.
- Fundraising efforts have exceeded projected revenues and were shared with the General Membership for review.
- Budget Committee Motion – Kim Dreiblatt moved that Chris Fisher be appointed to the Budget Committee, motion seconded and approved. Members who are not on the Budget Committee but wish to provide input may contact Treasurer, Laura Freeman for the meeting in April.

Committee Reports

- Fashion Show: Pat Batt – Pat provided an overview of this year's event and discussed changes and challenges from the previous year. This year there were 20 additional models and more volunteers. The event was a success and netted around \$3,000. DVDs are available for purchase for \$5, contact Pat if you would like one. The Auction raised \$11,600.
- Advocacy: Jody Mull reported that public input has been collected through several formats and given to the district, who will continue to evaluate the feedback.

- ISF: Jody Mull reported that IHS received two grants including one for the AP Environmental Science program and also one in which all three high schools received 50 supplemental graphing calculators each for student use. For a full list of recipients check the website <http://issaquahschoolsfoundation.org>
- Staff Appreciation Week – Kim Dreiblatt announced the theme of “Join us as we circle the globe” for Staff Appreciation Week, May 6-10. Chair Lisa Sacia will be looking for volunteers to help provide food and assistance during the week, which will also include a raffle. If anyone wishes to donate gift cards or other items to the raffle, or to help with providing food, please contact Lisa or Kim. The themes include a Mexican lunch, French lunch and “All-American Breakfast”.
- Special Services – Sandy Lum announced that the Special Needs Basketball team won the regional competition and place second at State, earning a Silver Medal.

New Business

- Funding Requests – LRC II Field Trip – The GM was provided in advance with a funding request in support of a field trip submitted by the LRC II staff. A motion was made by Colleen Volk that we approve the request as presented; the motion was seconded, voted upon and passed.
- Underserved Students –A funding request proposal in support of a staff outreach program to include home visits, summer enrichment, technology purchases and support for underserved students in our community was presented to the GM in advance by Dean of Students, Julia Bamba. This request is scalable in size and scope, and the GM was asked to present specific questions regarding the proposal to submit to Julia for further evaluation at a subsequent meeting. Blair gathered all of the comments/questions and will be meeting with Julia to present them.
- Standing Rules Amendment – the GM was provided in advance with a proposed amendment to the Standing Rules submitted by the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Jody Mull to postpone the GM vote upon the Standing Rules Amendment until the fall; the motion was seconded, discussed, voted upon by the general membership and did not pass. A motion was made by Chris Fisher to amend the Standing Rules Amendment as presented; motion seconded, discussed, voted upon and passed by the general membership.

Principal’s Report -Paula Phelps

- Student schedule selections for next year are currently underway. Counselors are in the commons daily to provide guidance to students and appointments are available for those who need additional assistance. This year in an effort to help promote electives, students had the opportunity to visit classrooms and speak with other students and staff. Paula explained the complexities of determining the master schedule and said that it would not be published before Spring Break. Students must have their course selections submitted by 3/31.
- Paula and the staff have also been actively involved in communicating with students and spreading the word to parents that social media will continue to have a strong role in social aspects of our community. The best way to manage this is through a partnership with parents and the schools working together to educate and monitor these activities to keep them positive. Monitoring over 2,000 student emails/facebook/tweets is not within the school district’s realm, and parents have much more visibility into these activities, opportunity and motivation to work directly with their children.
- The Healthy Student survey results came back and Paula reported that a fair number of students had experienced some form of bullying or harassment during their years in school. She and the district are exploring options of reporting issues such as social challenges, physical challenges, depression etc. This continues to be an important issue for the school and the district.

ASB Report – Tim Baynes

- Tim reported that the auction generated \$11,500 this year. The ASB is now investigating new ideas and programs which this income has allowed them to explore.
- Activity Bus – The district is going to have the IMS activity bus also pass by IHS and pick up students for the IMS route to help accommodate after school activities. This will begin after Spring Break. Check with the district for more information.
- Tolo – This year’s theme is “Disney”. Tolo is about a third the size of homecoming and includes spirit activities throughout the week culminating in a dance on Saturday evening.
- The “Mr. Issaquah” event has been postponed until further notice, due to scheduling conflicts with multiple extracurricular activities.

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