

General Membership 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 9:33 am.

Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate Awards Presentation – Chair, Becky Gordon

- Becky explained the voting process and thanked the awards committee members, Ami Maron, Marni Kilzi and Laurie Foreman for their effort in determining the 2014 honorees. Golden Acorn recipients were Tricia Jerue and Cyn Baumert. Outstanding Advocate recipients were Dianne Bugge and Betsy Cohen.
- Becky delivered details surrounding each honoree's contributions and presented them with Golden Acorn pins, certificates and an invitation to the Council reception to be held on March 25 at Swedish Hospital in Issaquah. Additionally, a donation will be made in each honoree's name to the WA State PTSA scholarship fund.

President's Report – Anne Watanabe

- Acknowledgements: The PTSA received a thank you note from Ms. Vannoy for awarding her with a \$100 grant for achieving National Board Certification. The PTSA also received thank you notes from the students who participated in the Special Olympics basketball tournament and Librarian Kelly Crickmore.
- Anne recognized Becky Gordon for serving as the Awards Chair and the committee for their work, the Fashion Show committee Chairs and Lisa Hollingsworth (IHS) for her assistance with the Angel Program.
- Council Meeting Report: WASTATE PTSA Annual Convention will be held in Bellevue April 25-27, all board members are encouraged to attend. Betsy Cohen is continuing to take input on the Homework discussion groups, please contact her directly if you wish to be involved or have further questions/comments. Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate Award reception will be held March 25 at Swedish Hospital – all are welcome to attend. April 17th Council GM meeting will go until 12:30 with Common Core presentation & light lunch from 11 to 12:30. Our Board and interested members are invited to attend the presentation. The more knowledgeable we are about Common Core, the better we serve our membership community. Please let Anne and Cyn know if you would like to attend.

Secretary's Report - Cyn Baumert for Kristin Behn

- February minutes were presented and filed.

Treasurer's Report –Chris Fisher

- February financial reports were presented and filed.
- February bank statements were reviewed by Kim Dreiblatt, and filed.

Principal's Report – Andrea McCormick

- Andrea discussed the ongoing and upcoming Healthy Youth Survey which will be given to all district students in grades 8, 10 and 12. The results of these surveys offer insight into the trends and issues in the ISD.
- Summer school registration is open and Andrea encouraged parents to explore some of the new offerings this year: found on the website: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/Programs/summerschool.aspx>

- The new Common Core curriculum continues to be rolled out through district meetings/seminars – for more information you can check the website: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/core/math/default.aspx>
- The proposal by Ron Thiele regarding the closure of Tiger Mountain continues to be explored by the District. Public meetings will be held, potentially during the summer or early fall. To stay on top of the latest developments with this proposal and other construction updates please refer to the district website.
- The Swedish mental health program is rolling out steadily. This program is subject to strict privacy guidelines, which prohibit the sharing of specific information. Andrea wanted to assure us that things are moving forward.
- Following up on a recommendation by Dianne Bugge, Healthy Student Chair, Andrea is looking into modified schedules during finals week. This is problematic due to district transportation schedules, but is something she will continue to look into with Dianne.

New Business

- Special Funding Request – The funding request submitted by Kelly Crickmore for library enhancements will require further vetting and will be resubmitted for consideration at the April GM meeting.

Committee Reports

- Advocacy: Anne Moore presented information on the Student growth percentiles and growth analysis from the state. Title 1 funds and how districts throughout the state may be impacted, the Adequate Yearly Progress and the supplemental operating and transportation budget, which included more funding for education and teacher salary cost of living increases were also discussed.
- Fashion Show – Everything is in place for another amazing event – report to follow after the event at the April meeting!
- SAT - Tricia Jerue is recruiting for a Chair for next year to start training with her, please let us know if you have an interest.
- Teacher Appreciation – Jody Mull requested volunteers for Monday, May 5 and Breakfast on Wednesday, May 7. Please contact her if you are able to lend a hand putting this event together for our staff.
- Scholarship Committee – Chair Liz Rudolph has her committee lined up and everything in progress. Please continue to spread the word to Seniors to apply for this award.
- Honor Cords- Volunteer Service–Dianne Laucius- Forms continue to be turned in and will be accepted through May 5th from 2014 Graduating Seniors.
- Healthy Student – Dianne Bugge presented information on the April 2nd Award Ceremony to be held at IHS to award the winners of the “Influence the Choice” video competition. Dianne reported that Congressman Riechert will be working alongside the Youth Advisory Board to partner with student leaders to explore a program “Building Emotional Strength Together”. For more information contact Dianne. Issaquah Mayor Butler is forming a Mayor’s initiative task force to work on drug prevention and with the community regarding the relocation of the skate park. Paula Phelps is working together with Friends of Youth to provide a chemical dependency program and services for our local youth.
- Reflections – Becky Gordon – Madison Bristol from IH will compete at the State competition.
- Awards – Becky Gordon – Outstanding Educator forms are now being accepted for consideration. Please turn nominations in to Becky.

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, April 18 from 9:30-11:30am (please join us at 9:00 for social time before the meeting)

Where: IHS Conference Room

Submitted by Cyn Baumert for Kristin Behn