



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Issaquah High School Conference Room
February 14, 2014 at 9:30am**

Welcome and Call to Order– Anne Watanabe & Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:34am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

President's Report

Council Meeting Update

- Teacher contract negotiations are in process.
- Issaquah received the Green Ribbon Award from US Department of Education. Issaquah was one of the three school districts in Washington State that received it.
- Tiger Mountain High School will be closing at the end of 2015. The proposal would be to roll out a "Big Picture" School, focusing on internships, vocational training and to expand the offerings in a bigger school. The concerns with closing Tiger are currently about the at-risk students and how they will be rolled back into their home schools.
- Safety Committee – Does the PTSA have a plan for security during events? This is something they are looking at on a Council level and they are encouraging the PTSAs to look at their own event security.

Secretary's Report – Kristin Behn

- The January 17, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Anne Watanabe for Chris Fisher

- January Financial Reports – The financial reports were presented and filed.
- The December and January bank statements have been reviewed by Kim Drieblatt.
- Camilie Vaska, Laura Freeman and Margaret Chalfant reviewed the financial records for the mid-year review. Their only recommendation was to put a process in place for tracking the gift cards for the Angel Program. The Registrar keeps track of them, and Chris Fisher will follow up.
- Please email Anne Watanabe and Chris Fisher if you are interested in being on the Budget Committee.

New Business

Motion #1 Betsy Cohen made a motion that the IH PTSA add up \$225 for clothing racks to the Angel Program budget line item. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- *Communications*- Sandy has signs available for different events. Please contact Sandy if you need one made for an event. There is also the PTSA banner (stored in a cabinet in the Conference Room) available for any PTSA activity.
- *Nominating Committee* – Is in process of confirming officers who are returning and is putting together the slate. Please get nominations to Becky Gordon and Alison Meryweather.
- *Golden Acorn*- Please get your nominations to Becky Gordon asap. Outstanding Educator nominations are due by April 4th.
- *Advocacy* - Homework Policy update – The District policy says homework should be meaningful and relevant. The Administration's thought is that implementation, not the policy, seems to be the issue. Ron Theile wants to work collaboratively with the staff across the subjects to make the total level of homework more equitable. There will be parent and teacher panels about how to implement this.
- *Community Service Hours* – There is a box in the office for the students to turn their volunteer service hour forms.
- *Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF)* – The grant process is starting and the Classroom Enrichment Grant recipients will be announced in February. The Kateri Brow grants will be announced in late March. The Nourish Every Mind Luncheon is May 8th and the new Nourish Every Mind Breakfast is Wednesday, May 14th. Please let Alison know if you would like to attend either event.
- *Volunteers for Issaquah Schools* – The levies are passing by 70%. Thank you for voting and for all of your efforts in creating awareness. Thank you to the following volunteers for braving the elements during the Honk and Waves: Laurie Foreman, Marilyn Evans, Jody Mull, Alison Meryweather, Anne Watanabe, Kim Dreiblatt, Jodie Warren, Tabitha Mays, Maureen Walsh, Betsy Cohen, Sandi Lum and Anne Moore. Further information about the levies can be found at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/levy2014/default.aspx>
- *Fashion Show* – Clothing procurement and swag bags are 100% done. They have all of the models and the photo shoot is done. The budget looks good and tickets go on sale on February 28th. The show is March 28th.
- *Senior Events* – Kimberly is looking for a Pit Boss for the night of the event. Everything else is coming together and 314 are signed up. Final payment is due March 1st.
- *Parent Ed* – The panel and parent ed night for Legal Marijuana and Our Teens was put on by the Drug Free Coalition and PTSAs. They were very successful.
- *Healthy Student* – The Issaquah Community Network “Influence the Choice” video contest is now open.

Drug Free Coalition has been invited by ASB to attend classes to help roll out the Healthy Youth survey results to all students.

Tim Baynes, Activities Coordinator and Dean of Students

8th Grade Parent Night is the Wednesday after break. This is an informational night only for parents and there will also be an open house night.

TOLO Week is March 3rd - 8th – Improv Night is Monday night and the Talent Show will be on Tuesday night. “Game On” is the theme for the dance on Saturday, March 8th.

ASB Elections are the week of March 11th.

HSPE Testing for Sophomores will be the week of March 18th. There will be activities for the freshman during the testing.

Fashion Show and Auction is March 28th. ASB Auction goal is \$10,000-\$12,000

Principal Andrea McCormick

Swedish Hospital will be rolling out the mental health counselors after break. It has been announced to all teachers about how the teachers can make recommendations/referrals.

The new IHS website came up this week. If you are experiencing any problems, please let Tim Kreger know. On the Administration page is a breakdown of who supervises different staff. Andrea is checking to see if we can add IT Magazine and iVision to the website.

Meeting adjourned 11:26am

Kristin Behn, Secretary