

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 9:37 am.

President's Report – Anne Watanabe

- Acknowledgements: Camille Vaska for the modifications, updates and organization of the newsletter. Tricia Jerue for managing a process to send out receipts for charitable donations to all donors.
- Anne Moore thanked the General Membership for providing microphones to the arts department (November Special Funding Request) and invited members to see/hear this contribution in action at the White Christmas musical this week.
- Council Meeting Report: Tiger Mountain principal updated the status of the move to the new building, which may also include reformatting the school as a “choice” school for area students. Superintendent Thiele reported that mental health counselors will be full time in the high schools starting in January. These are Swedish Medical employees with a district contract. Their services will also be made available to the middle and elementary grades. The Healthy Youth Survey results are in and a plan is coming together to share these results with students as well as parents. The Community Values Survey had wide distribution and will be used as input during the upcoming teacher contract negotiations.

Secretary's Report - Cyn Baumert for Kristen Behn

- November minutes were presented and filed.

Treasurer's Report –Chris Fisher

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

New Business

- Special Funding Request – Physics Department – Jody Mull moved that up to \$2,000 be approved to fund chaperone travel expenses for the Physics Symposium to be held in Florida. Motion seconded, discussion, voted upon and passed.

Committee Reports

- ISF: Allison reported that “grant season” is underway for teachers and noted that parents may also apply for funding on a teacher's behalf.
- VIS: Anne reported there are 3 levies coming up along with “Honk and Wave” on January 30 and February 10. The locations she will be filling include Front St & Gilman Blvd. To sign up please contact Anne Moore.
- Advocacy: Jody reported that Focus Day will be held on February 4, 2014. A bus to Olympia is being coordinated, for more information contact Jody to reserve your spot. The League of Education Voters (LEV) hosts an annual activist training: Access, Equity and Excellence –January 25 – Puget Sound Educational Service District, 800 Oakesdale Ave SW, Renton. For information visit: www.educationvoters.org/get-involved/activist-training
- Charitable Giving – Tricia is working hard to send out personal receipts to all donors to IH PTSA. Due to the new software these are no longer auto-generated so she is doing this by hand in batches.

- Fashion Show - Tricia reported that there are already 55 Seniors and 20 Juniors signed up to model. Ulta Beauty in the Highlands is signed up to do the makeup and a student DJ will be added this year as well. 12/18 is the last day for model sign ups.
- SAT - Tricia is recruiting for a Chair for next year to start training with her now, also a Math teacher who would be interested in being paid to lead the sessions.
- Parent Ed - Kristen presented information on the *Marijuana and Teens* presentation to be held Jan 27 from 6:30-8:30pm in the IHS Theater, all are welcome, the primary audience is parents.
- Reflections – Becky Gordon – 5 special artists who took part in the art class funded by the grant moved on to the district level.
- Angel - Laurie gave an update on the huge response to the Angel closet. There will be another drive to fill the closet again as it was mostly cleaned out at the last opening. In particular warm coats and brand items that your own children would wear, jeans, shoes are needed.
- Community Service Learning – Dianne will be working on some plans to do an PR/Advertising push to get the word out through ASB and other groups in the new year.
- Healthy Student – Dianne presented information about the mental health counselors that will be located full time at the school.

Officer Karin Weihe

- Officer Weihe presented information about happenings at the school, including social media (twitter, snapchat, online postings). Patrols have been stepped up on the trails surrounding the skate park.
- Officer Weihe conducted a brief Q&A period with those in attendance.

Teacher's Report - Tim Baynes

- Winterfest is going on during the final week in school before the Winter Break. This includes concerts and theme days throughout the week. The ASB and student body are working to partner with the Drug Free Coalition on projects moving forward.

Principal's Report – Julia Bamba

- 7th Period Course Options – parents will receive information about the course options and the scheduling for 7th Period prior to January. These courses are offered at no cost and tentatively include: Robotics, The 1960s, Rocketry, Scientific Illustration, Lifetime Fitness and a few others. The actual classes offered will depend upon the number of interested students signing up.
- Positive Culture – As a district wide initiative the principals are working to forward a culture of positivity with regard to sporting events. Basketball games in particular will be a focus of this effort to reduce negative behavior toward referees, opposing teams etc.
- Mental Health Counselors – will be housed on site at IHS after winter break and will be integrated into the staff, including staff meetings and working with our administrators.

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, Jan 17th from 9:30-11:30am (please join us at 9:00 for social time before the meeting)

Where: IHS Conference Room in Main Office

Who: Everyone is welcome! Meet other parents and get the inside scoop. Hear from IHS Principal, ASB and Resource Officer.