



## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **Issaquah High School Conference Room**

**February 13th, 2015**

#### **Welcome and Call to Order** – Anne Watanabe and Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

#### **President's Report** - Cyn Baumert & Anne Watanabe

- Welcome: Cyn reported on the Council meeting: the superintendent discussed future capital plans in light of the population growth within the district, and introduced the possibility of floating a new bond for new school construction in 2016. ArtEast also made a presentation about district art programs, and Healthy Youth Initiative discussed Safe Place, a program for kids who need to leave their home for a safer place.

#### **Secretary's Report** – Ellen Dieken (Absent; Betsy Cohen sat in for her)

- Kim Drieblatt sent in the following corrections via email:
  - Under "Committee Reports: Volunteers" Ginger Wilfong was misspelled
  - Under "Committee Reports: Special Services Liaison" Sandi Lum was misspelled
  - Under "Head of Security" Neal Lasher was misspelled
- The January GM Meeting Minutes were approved with added corrections.

#### **Treasurer's Report** – Diane Burdette

- January Financial Reports – The Financial reports are attached to the minutes.
  - Highlights include:
    - \$4,988.10 in income (examples include: membership, corporate matching, pass the hat, SAT test, senior celebration, angel donations)
    - \$3,499.94 in expenses (examples include: state reporting fees, SAT/ACT Test fees, grant committee fees, Shakespeare Grant, senior celebration, Reelections expenses, 5K, credit card fees)

- Grant Committee Budget Adjustment: increase of \$50-150 to cover expenditures for remainder of year.

**Motion by Diane Burdette, seconded by Marilyn Evans. Vote. Motion approved unanimously.**

#### **Elected Executive Committee Positions – PTSA Board of Directors**

The board submitted a motion to remove the VP of Ways and Means and the VP of Volunteers from elected board positions, and to add VP of Events to the board. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Grant Requests – PTSA Board of Directors**

- **Shakespeare in the Classroom**

This request is actually already in our budget on an ongoing basis.

- **Guided Studies Incentives (Borcherding): \$500**

This request represents a new way to incentivize kids in special guided studies class with \$5-10 gift card prizes for grade improvement (kids are referred to the class based solely on grades). The teacher funded it out of her own pocket last year and found it helpful.

**A motion was made to approve funding \$500 for the Guided Studies Incentives grant as written. Seconded. Paper Ballot: 21 yes; 1 no. Motion is approved.**

- **Student Art Collection (Claudon): \$800**

This was funded at the \$600-700 level last year. At the end of year art show, participants vote to buy up to 10 selected student art works for \$50 to be hung in school. Cost is \$500 for purchase, \$300 for frames.

**A motion was made to approve funding \$800 for a Student Art Collection. Seconded. Ballot vote: 21 yes; 1 no. Motion is approved.**

- **Grand Piano (Longman): \$5000**

Currently have a baby grand; teacher wants to buy a used Steinway concert grand. Department has thus far raised \$3000 in department funds, \$4000 in ASB funds. Has not yet approached ISF or Boosters.

Everyone agreed to not consider the piano grant at this time and asked the grant committee to notify Mr. Longman that he could resubmit the grant at any time (when they are closer to reaching their goal).

#### **Career Counselors: Overview of college, job and volunteer resources – Claudia Cote/Charolett Henerson**

Over 80 colleges visit IHS annually. Students should start visiting the college/career center as freshmen (freshmen and sophomores can only visit during lunch).

Career counselors can review college essays and know admissions reps at several schools.

The College Resource Handbook is online on the Career Center page and has active links (for this reason it is no longer distributed to students in print).

The culminating project is changing – the new plan is called “High School and Beyond” and involves more exploration earlier on. Sophomores are given a booklet “Where are YOU going” that can be found at [careerbridge.wa.gov](http://careerbridge.wa.gov), published by Washington Career Bridge.

STEM for women: sign-ups are now for the Expanding Your Horizons field trip on 3/27

WANIC: College and high school credits available for tech-prep classes, open to juniors and seniors. Classes are offered in various schools and sometimes at Lake Wa Institute of Technology. Counselors want to emphasize that these classes are NOT just for non-college bound. Programs include classes relating to technical/medical careers, including a CNA program.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Awards – Marni Kilzi*

Today was the deadline for nominations for Golden Acorn/Advocate awards.

#### *Fashion Show – Lisa Clawson*

Show is 4/24, theme is “Fashion with Compassion” and benefits NW Behavioral Assocs. Sponsors include Ulta, Sports Authority, Black House/White Market, Cache, and Tuxedo Shop. They plan to use Twitter and Instagram as an additional way to promote sponsors. Week leading up to show will include themed days such as Make-Up Monday, Wear-it Wednesday, etc.

#### *Volunteers- Ginger Wilfong*

Looking for chaperones for TOLO and the next 5K. She will send an email to those who have signed up to get volunteer notice opportunities.

#### *Community Service – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack*

Thanks to all who helped at the volunteer fair Wed. during lunch, “Have a heart” week. It was very successful, and all participants (to name a few, Red Cross, Eastside Baby Corner, VOICE, Swedish, WA Trails Assoc.) would love to do it again.

#### *Healthy Student – Dianne Bugge*

Video submissions are coming in for the contest. Not sure whether they will do the mock crash again, as they are considering another program with a more positive approach. Discussed the Safe Place program.

Saturday 2/21: LWIT dental clinic offers free dental visits (in partnership with ISF).

Saturday 3/7: Advocacy for struggling students program.

3/21: State of Mind: Finding Balance in Your Life. Various workshops on a variety of mental health issues 12pm-5pm at Tiger Mountain Community High School, open to all.

*Advocacy – Jody Mull*

Bills have dropped but no movement yet to report. The district will likely introduce a bond next year. There will be a meeting at IHS on Wed. 2/25 at 9 am with the chief of police to discuss the change in resource officers, as Officer Karin is being reassigned.

*ISF Liaison – Betsy Cohen*

Discussion of the ISF support for high school robotics clubs.

*Special Services Liaison – Sandi Lum*

Special Olympics basketball team headed to state championships in Wenatchee 2/28-3/1.

*Senior Events – Tricia Jerue*

Sign-ups are down for senior celebration, but the team is working on raising the profile for the event during lunches with an information/sign up table and weekly raffles.

**Principal – Andrea McCormick**

DECA printer is getting ready to go online for students who need to print things at school.

They are working on finding parking for students once the upper lot is closed for construction of the new IMS (probably after spring break).

New Shakespeare English class for seniors, and other social studies elective options added for sophomores (after surveying 9<sup>th</sup> graders for interest). Ninth graders take World Studies 1&2, tenth graders now have additional option of taking WS 3 and an elective (in addition to Euro/AP Euro). Juniors still take US History and seniors now have a 1 semester civics requirement (already included in AP Gov.). New electives include Intro to Psychology and Sports History. 7<sup>th</sup> period classes TBA.

IHS has 44 non-teacher staff, which includes EAs, custodial staff, administrative team (3 assistant principals, ASB teacher, Athletic Director, Dean of Students, Graduation Specialist, and Department Chairs). Assistant principals are assigned students alphabetically by last name and also have project-based assignments.

If you have a problem with a teacher, go first to the teacher, then to your assigned assistant principal.

Long-term subs are generally required to be credentialed and are expected to take over ALL the duties of the teacher. The regular teacher can choose to continue to create the lesson plan and do the grading, but it doesn't always happen that way.

**ASB Advisor – Erin Schiermeyer**

TOLO will be 3/21, 8:30-11 pm. Goal: 1000 kids attending. TOLO week theme TBA on Friday 2/27 (first Friday after winter break, but the day events will include: Monday – cooking competition. Tuesday – talent show. Wednesday – dodgeball competition. Thursday – Jet City improv. Friday – Super Smash brothers.

After school on Thursday: ASB sound-off, for student input.

Executive board elections for next year will be held 3/16-17.

There will be an open ASB class 7<sup>th</sup> period on Fridays, Intro to Leadership.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 am.**

*Betsy Cohen (sitting in for Ellen Dieken),*

*IHPTSA Secretary*

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