



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah High School Conference Room

September 12, 2014

Welcome and Call to Order – Anne Watanabe and Cyn Baumert

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

Cyn thanked new board members, Diane Burdette (Treasurer), Ellen Dieken (Secretary), Ginger Wilfing (VP Hospitality) and Stacy Heller (VP Hospitality) for volunteering their time and efforts. She recognized Ami Maron for chairing the Emergency Backpack Program; Bertina, Loeffler Sedlack for chairing the “New to IHS Night”; Deena Eastern, Tricia Jerue and Rita Yoshihara for co-chairing Student Picture Day; Michelle Enebo and Julie Hart for co-chairing the new Staff Biographies program; Jeanne Simon for chairing the SAT Prep Classes; and Ginger Wilfong for chairing the Textbook Checkout. A big thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help out with all of these great programs.

Thank yous: Cyn thanked new board members. SAT prep classes. Text book checkout. Picture Day. Staff Bios. New to IH Night. Emergency Backpacks. Financial Review Committee. Angel Closet crew.

President’s Report - Cyn Baumert & Anne Watanabe

- Welcome/Introductions
- Accomplishments/Thank You

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- PTSA Council Report – Cyn

District has new safety advisory council. Staff members will now wear photo id cards. If you see someone without id, please ask if they need help finding office.

163 new teachers in district. 17 admin changes. 9000 ride bus...lots of buses.

Please subscribe to district enews for all the latest.

New highly capable student program (3-6th grade). Go online to check it out.

We have FedEx copy discount number when you join PTSA. You will get a code.

Secretary's Report – Ellen Dieken

- The June 2014 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Burdette

- FY 2013-14 Financials – The FY 2013-14 Financials are attached to these minutes.
- July, August Financial Reports – The financial Reports are attached to these minutes.
- Financial Review Committee Report – Tricia Jerue, Diana Burdette and Ginger Wilfong served as the Financial Review Committee.

Everything looked fine with just a couple of discrepancies. The form changed from the prior year. One section was supposed to have been completed earlier in the year. They have now adopted new software (Money Minders) and this will solve these issues for next year.

Their report is filed with these minutes.

- Approval of 2014-15 Budget
 - **Motion #1** Chris Fisher made the motion that the IH PTSA approve the 2014-15 budget as presented. Seconded. Motion passed.
- The July and August bank statements have been reviewed by third party reviewer, Kim Dreiblat and filed with these minutes.

New Business – Cyn Baumert

- Approval of 2014-15 Standing Rules

Motion #2 - Betsy Cohen made a motion that the IH PTSA approve the 2014-15 Standing Rules as presented. Seconded. Motion passed.

- Theme and Goals for 2014-15:
Theme: "Enrich your experience through participation."
Goals:
 1. Continue to build and improve programs that enhance and protect the positive and welcoming environment at IHS.
 2. Increase communications with PTSA members and the school community.
 3. Work in partnership with school staff and ASB to promote healthy student programs and support services.
 4. Promote volunteer and engagement opportunities for parents and students within the school and greater community.
- **Motion #3: Onti Rosen made a motion to establish a committee to investigate keeping the library open right after school Monday through Thursday until the academic buses leave. Seconded. Motion passed.**
- Issaquah PTSA Council Voting Delegates:
 In addition to Cyn and Anne, Kim Dreiblatt and Bertina Loeffler Sedlack offered to be Issaquah PTSA Council Voting Delegates. Leslie Guajardo will be the alternate.
- 2014 Legislative Assembly Attendees:

Committee Reports

ISF Liaison – Betsy Cohen

Introduced Issaquah Schools Foundation to members and explained why they exist and what they do in our district. They fund programs such as 8th grade Financial Literacy, Start Strong, Robotics and many more. There is a fundraising campaign going on right now: All in For Kids. Their goal this year is to get a higher percentage of families in the district to participate no matter the amount.

Advocacy – Danelle Gonzalez

Leg Assembly: will be held on October 24-25 in Vancouver, WA. Sign-up sheet was sent around: thanks to Dea Barnett, Stacey Feinsilber (maybe) and Valerie Yanni for volunteering to attend. Please complete the 2014 Legislative Priorities Issue Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LEG2014>

McLeary Issue Ruling: This is a lawsuit that says the state of Washington doesn't fully fund education. They were tasked to come up with a plan. Last Wednesday, court held them in contempt of court because they didn't come up with the plan by the deadline.

Membership – Valerie Yanni

We have 1042 members (580 families) so far. Last year at the end of May, we had 1160 members (632 families). We have 1 teacher membership so far. These memberships are only \$10. Memberships can be matched by corporate matching funds.

All board members need to be members of the PTSA.

Communications – Sandi Lum/Camille Vaska

- Everyone is invited to submit articles to the monthly PTSA E-news. Please have your articles in “ready to be published” condition. The deadline for submitting articles for the PTSA E-news is the Friday before our GM meeting. You can also submit articles to the weekly IH E-news through them; the deadline for submission of articles is Thursdays.
- I Vision is great resource to reach students. You can email them at this address: issyivision@hotmail.com. The subject line of the email should include date(s) announcements should be made and the title of announcement.
- Sandi does Face Book posts for IH PTSA
- Water bottles with PTSA labels were given out at New to IH Night
- Special Services: 12 students in the LRC class this year; She spoke to them about the programs that we offer for these students

Volunteers – Ginger

Text book checkout went very smoothly– thank you to everyone who helped!

If you need volunteers for anything, please give her a few days’ notice.

SAT Prep Classes – Jeanne Simon

One class is full but they need a few more students to have the evening class move forward.

She is going to look into starting up an ACT Prep class (for next year).

Hospitality – Stacy Heller

Thanks for folks who helped with staff lunch the day before school started.

Angel Program – Laurie Foreman

This is the 3rd year of this program. The program has a staff person who works with them because it is highly confidential. This year there was a lot of requests to pay for ASB fees. This program also stocks and maintains the Angel Closet; please donate gently used teen and tween clothes.

Community Service Program – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack

Promotes activism, helping in the community; graduates need to have completed 50 hours of community service of class of 2015. Will really try and promote the program this year. The graduates get to wear a gold honor cord at graduation. Next year, graduates will require 75 hours and the next 100. This is the goal. This program is open to everyone.

Reflections – Sandi Lum

They need volunteers to serve as judges in November.

Principal – Andrea McCormick

- Thanked everyone for their support of the back to school events! She reported that there is a very positive mood at the school so far. Issaquah High has 20 new staff members including two new vice principals, Ms. Bamba and Mr. Desautels. Miss Zielinski is the new counselor for students with last names ending in I – Mi.
- Nutrition Policy Changes: They have had several complaints but it is state law that is mandating these changes (mainly portion sizes). These changes are only enforced during the school day.
- Registration Issues: It went relatively smoothly this year. There are new procedures which made this process easier. She took notes on “schedule change requests” procedures (dealing with communication) that frustrated parents.
- Dress Code: There are guidelines in the Student Handbook. Teachers can refer kids to administration if they feel they are in violation of the dress code. The kids are asked to change and they comply. They rarely get repeat offenders.
- Signage – they want to invest in signs that maintain the aesthetics of the building. There is an electronic reader board at entrance.
- Library Opening – it is a funding issue; it will require staffing; they are looking into setting up a print to pay system as well.
- Friends of Youth – They are holding a fundraiser: “Rise and Thrive Breakfast” on November 12 from 7:30-8:30 am at Pickering Barn to help raise money to bring more counselors to ISD.
- 7th Period Classes – Enrollment is good so far: 4 classes are being offered (cross fit, astronomy, health and vet science); in addition, they are offering credit recovery classes (math and English) at no fee. Spring 7th period registration will go live in December. 7th Period is in a trial phase so they are not sure of the future of this program.

ASB Advisor – Erin Schiermeyer

Erin reports that ASB has lots of fun programs that they sponsor. The ASB website (found under the “Activities” tab on the IH website) will be updated after the 18th. Club advisors will be contacting anybody that signed up. There will be a Clubs Fair in early October.

Homecoming is the week of October 20 - 26th. They are working on ideas to get kids to stay at the dance and not just come and get their pictures taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:53 am.