

Issaquah High PTSA, Unit 2.6.45

October 14, 2011

Issaquah High School

Proper notice was given to all members—quorum present

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Legislative Report (Jody Mull): VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools) Council Chair is Betsy Cohen. The next Bond measure vote will be April 17th, 2012. Jody asked members to encourage their friends and neighbors to vote for the Bond. Legislative Assembly starts today, this year representatives will be deciding whether or not to amend the existing legislative agenda of Washington State PTA. “Opportunity Gap” was rated the most important issue by IHS respondents. Teachers have submitted an addendum to amend the lobbying position on teacher assessment to include seniority only. Parents would like to include additional measurements.

Co-President’s Report (Karin Allen and Lisa Gaan):

- Acknowledgements
 - Karin recognized Asma Ahmed for the District ELL (English Language Learners) event. The event supports IH PTSA’s outreach program. Every non English speaking family in the District was invited and 150 attended. Karin thanked Alison Meryweather, Betsy Cohen, Anne Moore and Carrie Borcharding for attending Legislative Assembly and all those who attended PTA and the Law. Karin thanked Debbie Rossman for providing treats for the teacher staff meeting.
- Announcements
 - ASB is selling hot pink T shirts for \$10.00. Profits go to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research.
 - Cards and gift tags were available for sale made by the students of the LRC 2 (Learning Resource Center).
 - Booster Club will be selling logo wear at lunch.
- Principal’s Meeting Report
 - Paula Phelps will report.
- Council Report
 - The Bond vote has been moved from February to April 17, 2012. Betsy Cohen will be at next month’s meeting to speak.
 - PTA membership is at 75.3% District-wide and 67% for IH PTSA

Secretary’s Report (Patty Flynn):

- The September 16, 2011 minutes were presented for review. **Jody Mull moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.**
- Vicki Hahn moved to amend the Standing Rules, item 15 to read “...two signatures from elected officers;...”. Laura Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report (Laura Freeman):

- Laura presented the Financial Reports. YTD IH PTSA is \$2,000.00 ahead of last year for Membership. Many expenses have not hit yet. PTSA has funded a few grants, Student Scholarship Fund, and Teacher Grants. Membership and donation money continues to come in.

- Kim Dreiblatt reviewed the bank statements and other financial reports.

Old Business:

- Grant Review
 - Three teachers have received grants.
 - Karin Walen, art teacher, has asked the PTSA to table the request to fund display pedestals. Karen will be investigating acrylic cases to sit on top of the pedestals.
- Extra Dollars
 - Karin Allen asked Paula Phelps for suggestions regarding spending the extra money generated by the PTSA. Karin would like members to offer suggestions, especially ideas that involve Issaquah High students and are educational. Members suggested: a pilot program with iPads to eliminate textbooks and extra staffing for the library.

New Business:

- IH PTSA needs volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. Contact Karin Allen with suggestions.
- Karin Walen will be coordinating a free self defense class for girls at Issaquah High, PTSA is sponsoring by providing insurance.
- *Finding Kind*, a documentary made by two college students who interviewed girls who were bullied or are socially awkward, will be shown at IHS January 25th. The film is for boys, girls and adults and will be free. IH PTSA has contributed \$500.00 toward the cost through the Parent Ed budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 10:07.

Old Business:

- Pat Batt discussed the Fashion Show March 9, 2012 in conjunction with ASB to support senior events. Doris Ong is the co-chair. The proceeds will be divided by ASB and PTSA. To volunteer, contact Pat Batt, fashion_show@issaquahhighptsa.org,

New Business: The ELL Parent Information Night provided volunteers to translate, 12 were from IHS, 5 from other schools. The District needs help translating documents for these parents. The next event will be in January to learn what parents need in the way of support.

Committee Reports:

- ISF (Issaquah Schools Foundation): Kirsten O'Malley, an ISF board member, discussed the ISF fall campaign, "All in for Kids". Currently 25% of parents contribute. The Foundation would like to see 50% participation by parents as well as community support for education. ISF will donate money to school clubs that have members participate in the calling campaign on November 16, 17 and 19th. ISF has provided grants to IHS for after school homework help, VOICE, robotics club, Bringing Shakespeare Alive, and more. Donate online at www.isfdn.org
- Newcomers: Vicki Hahn reported that the Issaquah Chamber of Commerce ha requested input from IH PTSA in designing a package for newcomers and will share it with IH PTSA to distribute to new families at registration.
- Mock ACT and SAT Prep Classes: Margaret Chalfant reported that there are openings for winter classes. Classes are conducted by Kaplan. The classes offer a feedback session including helpful hints and test results. If your child signed up

but missed the class, the feedback session is still worthwhile.

VP Reports:

- Membership: Karin Allen reported for Anne Wantanabe that membership is at 1223.
- Fundraising: Dianne Bugge' reported that the PTSA has surpassed the goal of \$28,000 in donations. Thank you notes will be going to 62 families who have donated. eScrip members need to renew their memberships by November 1st. Bartells is now participating, there is a link to eScrip on the IH PTSA website.
- Volunteers: If members need volunteers for an event, please contact Pat Batt.
- Special Education Liaison: Sandi Lum reported that a resource binder is available in the counseling office for families. Special Olympics has a bowling team and will have a basketball team as well.

Teacher/ASB Report (Tim Baynes):

- Tim reported that next week is Homecoming week, with themes and events each day. The schedule can be found on the school website. The halftime show at Homecoming will include speakers impacted by cancer, glow sticks, and fireworks. Attendees are encouraged to wear the bright pink T shirts sold to benefit the American Cancer Society. For Homecoming dance buttoners and bracelets will be sold for \$5.00, profits to go to The American Cancer Society.

Principal's Report (Paula Phelps):

- Paula reported that the current group of leadership kids created and will carry out next week's homecoming theme are a great group.
- The District High School Schedule Committee is still at work. There is a link on the District website for updates.
- Parent questions:
 - Can IH have an Activity Bus? Paula will research, although it is unlikely one would be established.
 - Can library hours be extended? The library is open until 3:30.
 - How many kids are in AP classes? 862 seats (one student may be in more than one AP class). 3 freshman, 116 sophomore, 353 junior and 390 senior seats.
 - Where are the defibrillators? There are four. One is by the main gym, and Eastside Fire and Rescue is choosing the location for the fourth one in the new building in the coming weeks.
 - Paula addressed the police incident that occurred at Clark Elementary. It was not a school incident but did occur on school property. Counselors and teachers were briefed regarding handling student concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36.

After the meeting: Paula announced that an additional counselor will be added. The contract is for one year. If woodshop supplies are not used by the end of the semester due to machine delays, they will be refunded.