

**Issaquah High PTSA, Unit 2.6.45**

November 18, 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 9:33am.

President's Report (Karin Allen and Lisa Gaan):

- Acknowledgements
  - Lisa acknowledged Debbie Shiozaki, Wendy Logan, Kathleen Schneider, Vicki Hahn, Lisa Westover, and all volunteers who have provided treats for IHS staff meetings. Additionally, Anne Moore, Jody Mull, Alison Meryweather, Betsy Cohen, Vicki Hoffman, Camille Vaska, Doris Ong, Colleen Volk, Kellie Woodford, Kim Undi and Mark Hahn were recognized for their contributions to the community through work in addition to their contributions to IH PTSA.
- Announcements
  - The PTSA safe deposit box has been cleaned and updated with pertinent documents.
  - A group of IH parents organize a ski bus, “Chicks on Sticks”, contact Marilyn Evans to participate.
- Principal's Meeting Report
  - IHS will have a grand reopening event in April 2012.
  - A Kurzweil scanner purchased with IH PTSA grant funds several years ago has not been used as originally anticipated, as training is needed. Principal Phelps is going to determine a way to get teachers trained on the device so it can be put to better use. The machine identifies the main idea of a story and outlines the story.
  - IHS is getting out accurate information to students about the ramifications of their actions and student privacy.
- Council Report
  - The Legislation Committee name will be changed to Advocacy and IH PTSA will make the same change when Standing Rules are reviewed in the spring.
  - A Special Needs Standing Committee has been added to the Council.
  - Issaquah School District has the highest Moody's rating, AAA. Discussions about the District teacher evaluation process is in progress.
  - Issaquah PTSA Council received the Bronze Award for membership from Washington State PTA.

Secretary's Report (Patty Flynn):

- The October 14, 2011 minutes were presented for review. **Laura Freeman moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.**

Treasurer's Report (Laura Freeman):

- Laura presented the Financial Reports. Senior Celebration is at \$17,632.06 so far. Fundraising is up from last

year. Expenses came in for Senior Celebration and the *Finding Kind* presentation. Tiger Mountain has \$5000.00 (donations from 10 schools in the District), which IH PTSA manages. Tiger Mountain is aware of their funds.

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

#### Old Business:

- Grant Review
  - Mr. Endicott, Material Science teacher, will have his class build the display pedestals which were part of a previous grant request from the Art Department. Karin Walen will revise the grant request and submit a new budget.
  - There are currently two new grants to be reviewed at the December meeting.
- Extra Money
  - Karin Allen and Lisa Gaan have asked Principal Paula Phelps for suggestions regarding spending the extra money generated by the PTSA, Paula will provide feedback.
- Nominating Committee
  - **Colleen Volk moved to appoint Pat Batt, Alison Meryweather, and Kim Dreiblatt to serve as the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.**

#### New Business:

- There is a Zoomerang Survey in development to gather feedback regarding IH PTSA, members should submit questions to Lisa Gaan or Karin Allen.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 10:02.

#### Old Business:

- Pat Batt discussed the Fashion Show. There have been committee meetings, progress is being made. There will be a commercial on I-Vision December 1<sup>st</sup> to recruit participants. The application to participate is available from the ASB office. Procurement of clothes is underway. The next committee meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer, contact Pat Batt, [pattypph@comcast.net](mailto:pattypph@comcast.net).
- Lisa Gaan reported that Laurie Foreman has submitted a proposal for the Angel Program. Research is underway to determine how to move forward. IH PTSA hopes to start the program next spring.

#### Committee Reports:

- Special Services: Karin Allen reported for Sandi Lum. The Special Olympics Bowling tournament was held. Issaquah students won 14 medals. Basketball season starts after Thanksgiving. LRC2 (Learning Resource Center) is making a Thanksgiving meal for their families today.
- Legislation: Jody Mull reported that Legislative Assembly was very exciting. Additions were made to the list of

Discussion Areas, including Charter Schools. Teachers attended this year and brought amendment suggestions.

- Education is being asked to cut more money from their budgets by the State; no specific numbers have been determined to date.
- ISF (Issaquah Schools Foundation) Liaison: Blair Baumer reported that “All in for Kids” calling ends tomorrow. Additionally, if shopping online, go to the ISF website and click the link to Amazon. ISF will receive up to 8% of sales.
- School Bond: Betsy Cohen reported that the District is putting forth a Bond on the April 17<sup>th</sup> ballot. Betsy reminded the membership to make sure their children who will be 18 have registered to vote. The Bond will support upgrades to some schools, improvement to others, including security systems. Betsy will make a presentation at the January PTSA meeting detailing the Bond. Property taxes will go down even if the Bond passes, approximately \$215.00 a year.

#### VP Reports:

- Membership: Anne Wantanabe reported that membership is at 1350 the most members ever for IH PTSA.
- Fundraising: Dianne Bugge’ reported that the PTSA has close to \$29,000 in donations. Families can support IH PTSA via Corporate Matching programs and using eScrip when shopping, including Safeway. There is a link to eScrip on the IH PTSA website.
- Volunteers: If members need volunteers for an event, please contact Pat Batt (see email address above).
- Newsletter/Publicity: Debbie Sexton reminded members there are two ways to disseminate information; the weekly eNews from IHS (turn in information by Thursday) which is sent to all subscribers and the monthly PTSA newsletter which is sent to all PTSA members, information to be submitted to Debbie Sexton.

#### Teacher/ASB Report:

- Carrie Borchering, LRC2 teacher brought three of her students to the meeting to show the membership the greeting cards and gift tags the class is making. The class doesn’t make a profit on the sale of the items, but purchases additional supplies. Contact Ms. Borchering [borcherdingc@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:borcherdingc@issaquah.wednet.edu) to order.
- Tim Baynes reported that Homecoming week was phenomenal, the school really came together and had high participation for events all week.
  - ASB’s December event will support Project Teen at Children’s Hospital. ASB will be asking for donations of gift items to give to teens being treated at Children’s Hospital.
  - Tim handed out procurement forms for the Auction, the form will be available of the IHS website as well.
  - The teachers have been working on developing a booklet for teachers to use to learn how to teach thinking strategies and skills to students.

#### Principal’s Report (Paula Phelps):

- Paula shared information about the drug and alcohol policies at Issaquah High School. She shared an article that discussed the teen brain and brain development. She also addressed a number of questions about a variety of recent incidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27.

After the meeting: Paula Phelps continued to answer parent questions.

