



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45  
General Membership Meeting  
IHS Main Conference Room

September 15, 2017

9:30 am

**Our PTSA Mission**

To expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning and social environment at IHS through programs, volunteers, advocacy, and financial support.

**Call to Order** Diane Burdette called the meeting to order at 9:33 am and led introductions. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum present. A sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

**President's Report** *(Diane Burdette and Pamela Krueger)*

Diane Burdette presented a slide show highlighting recently completed PTSA events and programs. Diane, Onti Rosen, and Wendy Marucke acknowledged the volunteers who ran and supported the events. Blyth Claeys reported on the year-end financial review.

Diane circulated various flyers of community events.

**Secretary's Report** *(Sara Carmichael)*

The June 2017 minutes were reviewed, approved with no changes, and filed.

Diane Burdette announced that the October 12 meeting is an evening, speaker-centric meeting. Social time begins at 6:00. The meeting will run from 6:30 to 8:00. Speakers include Superintendent Ron Thiele, Principal Andrea McCormick, and School Resource Officer Dave Turner.

**Treasurer's Report** *(Patti Miller)*

Blyth Claeys presented the August 2017 Financial report.

Blyth presented the 2017-2018 budget.

**MOTION 1** Blyth Claeys moved to approve the 2017-2018 budget. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and approved.

Blyth noted the following items:

- The July 2017 Financial Report was presented at the Board of Director's Meeting on September 6, 2017.
- There were no insurance claims in July and August.
- The July 2017 and August 2017 bank statements were reviewed by an independent party with no check signing authority.
- The End of the Year Financial Review for the fiscal year ending June 30 2017 was completed on July 6, 2017 with good results.

**Business**

**Open Chair Positions** Diane Burdette announced recently filled positions: Neelu Cordova as Volunteer Coordinator and Bridgett MacAfee as the Be True chair. Diane noted that the board is still seeking people for the Community Service Project and Senior Events Junior parent positions. The position of VIS Liaison is also open. The district will have measures on the February ballot. VIS runs the campaign for the measures. Contact Diane if you want more information about these roles.

**2017-18 Mission & Goals Approval** Diane Burdette presented the current IH PTSA Mission and Goals and proposed modifications for Goals 1 and 3:

**Goal 1**

Current: Enhance and support the positive and welcoming environment at IHS.

Proposed: Enhance and support the positive, **inclusive**, and welcoming environment at IHS.

### **Goal 3**

Current: Promote healthy student programs and support services.

Proposed: Promote **programs that support the whole child**.

**MOTION 2** Onti Rosen moved to adopt the mission and goals with the proposed changes. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and the new IH PTSA Mission and Goals were adopted for the 2017-2018 school year.

**2017-18 Standing Rules Approval** Diane Burdette presented the IH PTSA Standing Rules, last updated February 2017. Diane explained the proposed change to Rule 6 based on recommendation from Washington State PTA.

### **Rule 6**

Current: Per the Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws, we will annually review, complete, sign, and submit the WSPTA Standards of Affiliation agreement by the required deadline.

Proposed: Per the Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws, we will annually review the WSPTA Standards of Affiliation agreement in its entirety, and we agree to abide by all requirements and to uphold the ethics, policies, and principles of PTA.

**MOTION 3** Onti Rosen moved to amend the standing rules as proposed. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and the updated IH PTSA Standing Rules were approved for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Election of New Officers** Diane Burdette thanked Valerie Yanni for working on the IH PTSA website over the summer while the position of VP Communications was vacant.

Candidates for the open position of Co-VP Communications have stepped forward. Diane Burdette placed Tracie Jones and Satnam Purewal into nomination for the positions of Co-VP Communications. The nomination was seconded. With no other nominations from the floor and no objections, Diane announced the nominations for Co-VP Communications closed and declared Tracie Jones and Satnam Purewal elected.

### **Committee Reports**

**Advocacy** Dea Barnett announced that the Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly is scheduled for October 20-21, 2017 at Hotel Murano in Tacoma.

Dea will be hosting a coffee, date to be determined, for people to discuss local advocacy issues.

**Membership** Kim Wilkinson noted that 72 staff members have joined IH PTSA and IH PTSA is about 120 members away from reaching the overall membership goal. A new member benefit is a discount from Sylvan Learning. The discount code for FedEx is 0520882103.

### **Hospitality**

**October Evening Meeting** Rebecca Fay requested volunteers to help take down the refreshments after the October 12 evening meeting. Contact Rebecca for more information.

**Staff Breakfast** Lida Buckner noted that the Staff Breakfast next Wednesday, September 20. All requested items are covered. The google sign-up document has a tab for each month so volunteers can sign up ahead of time.

### **Events**

No report.

### **Communications**

**Peachjar** Diane Burdette noted that ISD has adopted a new system to distribute flyers called Peachjar. Becky Gordon (Council Co-President) will be meeting with district about Peachjar.

**Issaquah Schools Foundation** Sara Carmichael introduced herself at the IH PTSA Issaquah Schools Foundation Ambassador.

## **Programs**

**Angel Program** Jamie Beck noted that a Homecoming Dress Sale, organized by an IHS student, will take place September 16, 2017. Proceeds will benefit IH PTSA Angel Program. The Angel Program held "Homecoming in the Closet" and will have another similar event next week.

**Be True Campaign** Jamie Beck explained that the Be True Campaign is now independent from the Healthy Student program. Bridgett MacAfee is the Be True committee chairperson.

**Grants** Jamie announced the first Grants application deadline is October 20. Marla Baldinelli is Grants chairperson. Teachers, students, and parents may submit grant requests.

**College Test Prep** Valerie Yanni noted that Birgit Aarrestad and Michelle Severt are co-chairs for the College Test Prep program. ACT and SAT practice tests are being held September 16. The first SAT prep class begins October 9.

**Healthy Student** Valerie reported that Victoria Evans has been working on getting hygiene dispensers installed in the girls' restrooms. She is also working with Jaci Belur on a self-defense workshop with partner funding by the WAVE Foundation.

**New Family Ambassador** Leslie Guajardo introduced the purpose of the New Family Ambassador program (to link current families with new-to-the-district families) and announced the September 28 New Comer's Welcome Coffee, to be held at Leslie's home. A wine event is scheduled for October. New Family Ambassadors has a Facebook page. Just ask to join.

**Reflections** Leah Gibson (co-chair with Tiffany Aske) described Reflections, the national PTA-sponsored art competition. This year's theme is Within Reach and entries are due to the IHS office by October 27. The Reflections Reception will be November 14 at 6:30pm in the IHS Library.

**Parent Ed** Dea Barnett discussed the Parent Ed Lending Library housed in the IHS library. Parents can check out books using their student's ID. The program is accepting donations and recommendations for Parent Ed books. Upcoming Parent Ed programs will be advertised through ParentWiser.

**Open Program Positions** The Community Service Program is looking for someone to learn the ropes from Pamela Krueger. The Senior Scholarships chair position is open.

## **Speakers**

**Neil Lasher, IHS Security Officer, and Officer Dave Turner, School Resource Officer** Neil Lasher spoke about the student parking permit process, the limited amount of student parking, and the cost of parking tickets for first and subsequent infractions (\$50, \$75, tow). Neil noted that the new traffic light at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Sunset is expected to be operational by Salmon Days weekend.

Officer Dave Turner, the IHS SRO, introduced himself and his responsibilities. He highlighted a successful program, Pizza with Police, for students.

**Andrea McCormick, Principal** Andrea McCormick spoke about the first few days of school and shared some of the take-aways from the Week of Welcome. Andrea announced that BECU will be at IHS on October 9 to lead Juniors and Seniors in learning financial skills. Administration is working on communicating better to part-time and running start students for these kinds of activities.

**Erin Connolly, Activities Director** Erin Connolly spoke about homecoming, why Homecoming is so early (September 23), the theme, and various spirit days activities. Chaperones are needed for the dance. She noted the ASB mission statement is "fostering community and building relationships." The Clubs Fair will be held in October. Activity busses started this week.

**Adjourned 11:28am**

**Next Meeting:** October 12, 2017 6:30 pm Speaker-only Meeting in the IHS Library