

January, 17, 2013
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Board of Director's Meeting
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Proper notice was given to all members and a quorum was present.

Call to Order and Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

President's Report – Blair Baumer

- Acknowledgements: Blair recognized the following Committee Chairs for their contributions: Ami Maron, 5K run, Becky Schultz, Pride and Recognition, Marilyn Evans, Teacher Appreciation, Kirsten Allen-Bentsen, Parent Ed, Karen Starceovich, Reflections, and the Financial Review Committee of Onti Rosen, Kim Dreiblatt and Chris Fisher.
- Council Meeting Report: PTSA Members were invited to sign up for *UNIT OFFICER TRAINING* on Feb. 9, 2013, 8:30am-12:30pm at Mercer Island High School.
- The District is still working on conducting a Homework Study and taking parent input. While the PTAs may collect input, it is being managed at a district level and members should send their surveys and comments to the district.
- A presentation on Education Funding by Steve Litzow will be held on 2.22 at the King County Library, all are encouraged to attend and learn more about our state funding.
- Survey: Please be on the lookout for the Zoomerang survey looking for member input, which will be sent via email.

Secretary's Report - Cyn Baumert

- December minutes were presented and filed.

Treasurer's Report -Laura Freeman

- December financial reports were presented and filed.
- December bank statements were reviewed and filed.
- Financial Review was conducted on 1/15/13 by the team of Onti Rosen, Chris Fisher and Kim Dreiblatt. The committee presented suggests including creating restricted funds for certain programs, working to determine how Paypal transactions are appropriately categorized – for the Balance Sheet to reflect Paypal transactions, and changes to how the Angel fund is managed and tracked. The Committee prepared and delivered a report with specific details.

Committee Reports

- The Nominating Committee: Consisting of Betsy Cohen, Coleen Volk and Lisa Gaan with Jody Mull and Liz Rudolf as alternates have asked for interested members to contact them.
- Advocacy: Jody Mull reiterated that an Education Funding presentation by Steve Litzow would be held on 1/22/13 at the King County Library. The District is conducting a Homework Study and requesting parent, student and teacher input.
- ISF: Allison Meryweather reported that the ISF luncheon will be held May 9, all members are invited to join the IHS table. Diane Bugge urged members to encourage their students to attend the Youth Job Skills Fair on 3/9/13, which will provide step-by-step information about how to conduct a job search, how to write a resume, how to use social media effectively, how to put your best foot forward during a job interview, and how to keep that job once you've landed it. In addition, participants will meet with local business leaders in career fields of their choice for the "inside story" about how to meet their career goals. Registration is requires: <http://www.isfdn.org/yjsf/>

- Reflections: IHS Student Kendall Lum won at the District level and is advancing to the State level of the competition.
- Baccalaureate: Julie Brauff presented information on the Baccalaureate celebration which will be held at Eastridge Church on June 11 at 7pm. This year the format will be less of a "talent show", still featuring students but will have fewer "acts". Members who would like to contribute photos for the slideshow are encouraged to get them to Julie.
- Special Services: Becky Gordon announced that the office of Education Ombudsman of Washington State will present Stacy Gillette at Clark Elementary, 2/12/13 on the topic of "Making Special Education Work".
- Fashion Show: Pat Batt reported on the ASB Auction/Fashion Show scheduled for March 8 (silent auction 6:00 pm and fashion show/ live auction at 7:30 pm). Rehearsals will begin soon and tickets are available on line.
- Healthy Student: **"Influence the Choice"** video contest - The Issaquah Community Network and Drug Free Community Coalition are inviting 6th to 12th grade students to create short video commercials telling their friends how to resist alcohol, marijuana and prescription drug temptations, see the Council website for more information.
- Membership: Anne Watanabe presented information on IHS membership numbers and distributed a list for members to confirm their enrollment.
- SAT Prep: Margaret Chalfant requested additional volunteers for the 2/2/13 Mock SAT exam.
- Parent Ed: Kirsten Allen-Bentsen invited members to attend upcoming sessions including 2/26/13, Love and Logic- Parenting Teens, 2/26/13 Teens, Marijuana and Alcohol – Framework for Healthy Communication. See the website for specific times/dates. <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/programs/parent-ed>
- Awards – Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator: The Committee led by Kellie Woodford and including Julie Brauff, Jody Mull, Stacy Feinsilber and Marie Christine Longo encouraged members to make submissions for these awards.

Teacher's Report - Tim Baynes

- ASB's Issaquah Food Bank food drive was an overwhelming success. The student donations filled an entire 18' truck with donations for the food bank. Students collected food and also volunteered their labor in loading, transporting and delivering the donations.
- MLK Assembly: The student assembly included inspirational speakers and professional football players Keith Davis and Clarence Lee. Students were included in their presentation which included a message on achieving your dreams.
- TOLO week will begin 3/18/13 and conclude on Saturday night, 3/23/13 with the TOLO dance. Theme is yet to be announced.
- ASB: Elections for new officers will begin in March. Students will be informed via iVision and applications are available through Tim.

Officer Karen Weihe:

- Security: Officer Karen provided details regarding the school lockdown and procedures followed by the police department during emergency situations. She works directly with the Issaquah Police Dept. and is in contact with school administration and building personnel during lockdowns. Officer Karen answered specific questions regarding the lockdown and walked the membership through the events of the recent event.

Principal's Report – Paula Phelps

- Pride and Recognition: Paula thanked the PTA for their assistance with the P&R event and gave a brief explanation of this program.
- Campus Safety: Paula discussed at length the procedures that are followed during a school lockdown. All drills and lockdowns are conducted in conjunction with the police department. They collaborate on refining and reviewing procedures and drills in preparations of such events. Following lockdowns and drills Paula meets with teachers and staff to gather feedback and consequently procedures may evolve. Staff and student participate in drills throughout the year.
- Communication: Emails and other forms of communication sent to parents during lockdowns are managed through the district. The district is the best source of updated information when the school is locked down.
- Visitors: In the event of a lockdown or drill, parents are asked to not come to the school and may not be admitted to the building if it interferes with the procedures in place to secure the building.
- Angel Program: Paula reported that the Angel Program is working hand in hand with the school's focus on reaching out to the lower income, special needs, ELL and more challenged population. She and her staff have been examining ways to best connect with and support this community.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.