



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45  
General Membership Meeting  
IHS Main Conference Room

November 16, 2018  
9:30 am  
**DRAFT**

### **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** Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 9:30 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** *Wendy Maruchek* reported the following information:

- Thanks to committee chairs and volunteers. Thank you slides attached.
- Council meeting - Issaquah food and clothing bank are running two drives: Holiday gift barn and lunch for the break. Superintendent Ron Thiele spoke. He talked about the proposed new schedule for next year. It is highly likely IHS will have 7 or 8 periods next year. The decision is to be made in January.
- Plans for new high school are moving along (near Providence Point). Still at least 2 years out.
- New middle school. Location TBD (possibilities - either behind Issaquah Valley Elementary or bottom of Talus).
- Need people for the nominating committee at January 11 meeting. Need three people on the committee. Elections for the committee will be held at the January 11th meeting.

**Secretary's Report** (*Kristin Brennock*)

The September 2018 minutes were reviewed, approved with no changes, and filed.

**Treasurer's Report** (*Blyth Claeys*)

Blyth Claeys presented the October 2018 Financial report.

Blyth noted the following items:

- Pass the Hat - Many people donated after the Sept. meeting
- Paid insurance and Angel expense.
- 990 filed Nov. 14 (taxes), charitable organization renewal Nov. 14th
- The October 2018 bank statements were reviewed by Elizabeth McIntyre.

### **Business**

**Grants:** Two grants were submitted. Only moving one grant moved to a vote. Robotics grant was for transportation and we didn't support because our insurance policy doesn't allow us to support transportation.

Comprehensible Input Supplemental Material- Susan Stimmel is an IHS Spanish teacher. Submitted grant for online program. Online reading that would help increase interest with kids. Would like to purchase pilot program - one class and for teachers to use. \$560 total. Used immediately (as soon as approval) expose students to more cultural. Help kids grow. Hoping district will pay to

upgrade curriculum. Grant committee recommends that we approve the grant for \$560. 16 votes and 16 yes. Grant will be approved.

**Awards:** Marni Kilzi - Asking for nominations for Golden Acorn Award and Outstanding Student Advocate Award. Golden Acorn is for work done here at school. Outstanding Student Advocate is work done to benefit kids in district and community. There is a link to the nomination form on the PTSA page in Programs. Work should have been performed during Jan 2018 to Dec 2018. Our goal is to get a lot of nominations. Also need committee members to review applications on Feb 25th.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Kim Wilkinson- still down on membership. One more push for membership. Kim has student information to distribute the directory. Working with software company to upload. Membership is down 220. Current membership is 1208 members.

### **Hospitality**

**Nicole Garcia:** staff breakfast - Nov request full. Thank you to everyone who signed up.

### **Events**

**Ask a Counselor :** Included ELL and New ambassador folks. This was a time for counselors to share how the school works. Translators were at the meeting. 20-30 families were new ambassadors families, the remainder were ELL families. There were head phones for translation and Chinese translation. There is discussion about whether having those to groups together makes sense. Having the translation made the program longer.

**College planning night:** Had a good session. The focus was on Seniors. There was new information present that was not in the Sally Fuse presentation. Bellevue has college nights coming up if parents are interested. Thinking of doing a spring session to focus on Juniors.

**5K Run:** Wendy Cummins is going to chair 5K run. The dates are Jan 15th, June 6th. Look for sign up in the future.

**Senior events:** senior party locations are locked down. It is going to be a fun event. 53 kids signed up. Jan 15th next payment is due. Will be a big push coming up after Thanksgiving. Price will increase Feb. 1st. Still need a chair for Senior Breakfast (June 13th) and Senior Farewell. Graduation date is June 13th. Nicole Garcia volunteered for Senior Breakfast.

### **Communications**

**Satnam:** Help get word out about Facebook and Instagram pages. Would like people to come to facebook and parenting groups. It helps to to share posts and spread the word. Invite friends to like our page.

### **Programs**

**College Planning #101:** Jamie Beck- Held on Nov 5th. There were 275 people registered, 175 attended. 94 survey's filled out: Issaquah - 68, Skyline 11, liberty 6, Gibson ed 3. Feedback: positive 29, blanks 64, constructive 3.

**ACT/SAT practice test:** November 17 practice SAT/ACT tests: Act Tests 49, SAT tests 41. 2 students at Huntington for accommodations.

**Great careers conference:** Dec. 13th grades 9-12. Registration opens Oct. 8th, 2018. Sign up in college and career center. Field trip to Bellevue College.

**WNIC:** Students can take classes, dual credit with high school and college. There are occupational courses. Open house, Tuesday Feb 12th 5-7pm at Lake Washington Institute of Technology.

## **Parent Ed - Heidi Fuhs**

Digital Safety 101 Jan 9th 7-8:30pm at Skyline. Parents k-12

Teen Vaping Feb 4th 7-8:30pm at IHS for parents of 6-12

Like - Film documentary & Discussion March 27th 7-8:30pm at IHS for parents (& students ages 10+)

Reduce Academic Stress with out Sacrificing achievement, May 6th 7-8:30pm at SHS Parents K-12

Breaking Points Oct 29th 30-32 minute film. What kids do with stress at school. Dealing with supplements (medications)

**New Family ambassadors:** Hosted several events. (List of events attached) There are regular events at Capri Cellars Tuesday Nov. 20th 6-8pm. 30 people who have signed up to receive emails 15 who have been connected to an ambassador. Scheduling coffee with Principal - shooting for December, if not they will host one in January. Rebecca Fay and Amber Zielinski chairs

**Reflections:** Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Leah Gibson are the chairs. There were 14 entries, 14 students. Please go view entries after the meeting, Nov. 16th. All but two entries moved on to district. The award ceremony took place during Nest.

**Angel:** 68 families are enrolled. The program serves kids on the bubble who struggle to make ends meet. Coat event: Students could shop for coats. People signed up to get 29 coats. Power Packs are backpacks with food for kids to take home. Break bags: food and other items for winter break. Notices go out through E-news and emailed to PTSA members. Also through PeachJar. Joann Wrightson: Chair

**Healthy Student:** Chairs - Jill Zehnpfennig and Yogini Kulkarni chairs

**Be True:** Promote positive community norms to promote healthy habits. Katie Muller will be doing presentations during Nest time. Quieter year with Be True will be rolled into Healthy Student

**Family engagement committee:** Cindy Lu is our resource for the Chinese community, Have Korean, Spanish members. Looking to be a resource for families in those communities. Working on how to focus on these communities.

**ISF:** All in for Kids campaign is complete. Dinning for kids Dec 5th at Chinoise-sushi bar/asian grill. .

## **Speakers**

**Kelly Henry - ASB Director:** 6th year at IHS. Was Chemistry teacher, various drama events. Sept. Homecoming 1313 students came. Thursday before Homecoming took requests and had dance competition at dance for Beyonce tickets - gave out 4 tickets. On Oct 26th held a blood drive. 101 students signed up. Sign up filled up two days before event. There were 75 whole blood donations and 59 first time donors. There are two more scheduled for Feb 1st and April 5th. In April they are possibly bring their bus, so community members can donate. ASB hosted a Halloween Fair - went surprisingly well. Couple booths, corn hole, trivia booth, franked smoothy (kids could spin three times to see what would end up in the smoothy), face painting. Senate meeting is being held during Nest so more of the student body come in, not just class. Club presidents, team captains and 2nd period reps. She has lessened the number of senate meetings. One a quarter. Veterans Day assembly - went well. It was quicker than expected. Less Veterans than expected. ASB did a meet and great after event. There will be an "I Live For" poster up for Mental Health awareness month. Promote positive health.

Dec 10-14 winter fest week: end of year celebration. Winter fest tree in main office. Kids can make winter wishes. Dec 3rd-7th, and 10th-14th. Granting wishes during winter fest and up until break. A few granted during assembly. Lip sync - Dec. 18th at 6pm. Auditions Dec 10th after school. Dress rehearsal Dec. 12th at 8am. Not hosting winter dance due to poor turn out past two years. Stinky sneaker - basketball game against Skyline, usually boys and girls varsity

games. Miracle minute during game. Fundraiser for charity. Probably in January this year. Jan. Martin Luther King assembly. ASB working with Asap and Care clubs.

Cords at graduation for clubs. Last year she rolled out lettering in a club and therefore getting a cord. Students need two years to letter in a club to receive a cord. Requirements are up to the club. Presidents, Exec Board and Advisors write into their constitutions. Students apply to receive a cords. Applications will be cross referenced to lists supplied by advisors.

**Adjourned 11:33**

**Next Meeting:** January 11th, 2019 9:30 am IHS Main Conference Room