



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
IHS Main Conference Room

November 18, 2016
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 Bertina Loeffler Sedlack 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 (*Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and Diane Burdette*)

Welcome Bertina welcomed everyone and noted that the October 14 General Membership Meeting was cancelled in the aftermath of a threat received by the school.

Thank Yous Bertina thanked the following committee chairs and volunteers: Leslie Guarjardo and Jen Crewe for New Family Ambassador Coffee and Social events; Pamela Krueger, Anne Watanabe, Patti Miller, Randi Wright, Dea Barnett, Ginger Wilfong, Diane Burdette, and Bertina for work on the September 27 College Resource Fair; Lida Buckner and Heidi Fuhs for organizing Staff Breakfasts; Volunteer Coordinator Liz Rudolph; Pamela Krueger and Oliver Krueger for attending Legislative Assembly; Margaret Chalfant and the Grants Committee; Sally Feldman for Senior Events planning; Leah Gibson and Tiffany Aske for Reflections; Leslie Guajardo and counselors Emily Tuttle and Jen Martinson for the Ask the Counselor event; Valerie Yanni and the Communications team for the website, newsletter, and calendar; Tami Curtis and team, including Dan Chernin, for the Student Directory; Dora Hastings for managing the Display Case; and the BOD members for their behind-the-scenes work and completing their training requirement.

Region 2 Back to School Conference Report Bertina reported that three board members attended the Region 2 Conference on August 23, 2016 at Redmond High School.

Issaquah PTSA Council Report Diane reported about the Issaquah PTSA Council meeting. Superintendent Ron Thiele spoke about his official announcement of new bell times for next year and traffic issues around IHS, IMS, and Clark.

Secretary's Report (*Sara Carmichael*)

The September 2016 minutes were reviewed, approved with no changes, and filed.

Treasurer's Report (*Patti Miller*)

- Patti Miller presented the September 2016 and October 2016 Financial reports.
- The September 2016 and October 2016 bank statements were reviewed by Margaret Chalfant.
- There were no insurance claims filed in September 2016 and October 2016.
- IH PTSA has renewed and paid the Aim insurance policy and have received a certificate of insurance for the new policy.

Business

Nominating Committee Bertina described the duties of the Nominating Committee and opened the floor for nominations to the Nominating Committee. Anne Watanabe, Sara Carmichael, and Rebecca Fay put their names into consideration.

MOTION 1 Kristen Allen-Bentsen moved to elect Anne Watanabe, Sara Carmichael, and Rebecca Fay to the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and voted upon. The motion passed. The committee will meet with Bertina and Diane the week after Thanksgiving.

New Committee Chairs Bertina announced the following new committee chairs: Victoria Evans for Healthy Student, Liz Rudolph and Trina Davis for Senior Farewell, and Birgit Aarrestad and Michele Severt for College Test Prep.

Open Committee Chair Positions Open committee chair positions include Parent Ed Liaison and ISF Ambassador. Contact Bertina or Diane if interested.

Standards of Affiliation Bertina announced that the Standards of Affiliation for IH PTSA was filed with Washington State PTA in October.

Color Run The Color Run has been rescheduled for May 19, 2017.

Parent Outreach Night IHS is hosting a Parent Outreach event on December 6, 2016 at 6:30pm. Details are available on the school web site.

Of Interest Two IH PTSA board members, Robin Hodder and Dea Barnett, were quoted in an Issaquah Press article about the recently announced new school start times.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Pamela Krueger reported that she and her son Oliver Krueger attended Legislative Assembly on October 21-22. Information about the top five legislative priorities chosen at the conference are on the Washington State PTA website.

Dea Barnett encouraged people to attend Washington State PTA Focus Day on Monday, January 16, 2017 in Olympia. Students are also encouraged to attend. Dea is reaching out to the AP Gov teacher.

Dea also discussed how people can get involved in advocacy by signing up for action alerts.

Membership Bertina announced that the IH PTSA currently has 1,272 members, including 40 staff members. This year's membership goal 1,300.

Awards Sara Carmichael reported that Marni Kilzi, the Awards Committee chair, is looking for at least three people to serve on the committee.

Hospitality

No Report

Events

Sally Feldman explained that Senior Events encompasses the All Night Party, Senior Breakfast, and Senior Farewell (formerly Baccalaureate). Liz Rudolph and Trina Davis are heading up the Senior Farewell. The All Night Party tickets cost \$170.00. About 150 students have signed up. The goal is 300 students.

Communications—Valerie Yanni

Newsletter Valerie noted that Newsletter items are due tomorrow. Email articles to the ihptsacommunications@gmail.com address and cc Tami Curtis.

Directory Valerie announced that the directory was sent to the printers yesterday. New in the directory this year are email addresses and surname cross reference. The directories will be prepared for mailing next week. See Valerie to help.

Issaquah Schools Foundation Valerie reported that the Issaquah Schools Foundation Ambassador position is still open. Contact her for more information. Valerie shared the following items:

- Thanks to all who donated to or helped with the All In For Kids campaign. The Foundation is accepting grant applications. Details and deadlines are on the foundation's web site.
- A Dining for Kids event at Chinoise Sushi Bar and Asian Grill is scheduled for December 7, 2016.
- Cultural Bridges magazine is available in school office.
- The Foundation is promoting the Lunch for the Break program. Information can be found on the IH PTSA website. IH PTSA BOD is donating a complete box.

Programs

Grants

IH PTSA has \$16,000 available in the grants budget.

Margaret Chalfant presented a grant request submitted by Kari Leon, Resource Teacher, for up to \$200 to fund weekly lunch groups for LRC students.

MOTION 2 Becky Gordon moved that we approve the Game Lunch grant for \$200.00. The motion was seconded. A paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 27 Votes For: 27 Votes Against: 0

The motion carried.

Margaret Chalfant presented a grant request submitted by Charolett Henderson for \$895 for three students to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) at WSU in summer 2017.

MOTION 3 Anne Watanabe moved that IH PTSA approve the HOBY grant request, submitted by Charolett Henderson in the amount of \$895.00. The motion was seconded. A paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 27 Votes For: 26 Votes Against: 1

The motion carried.

Margaret Chalfant presented a grant request for \$5,750.00 for the IHS Radio Station submitted by Nick Schiermeyer, Language Arts Teacher, to purchase recording equipment for the new IHS radio station.

MOTION 4 Onti Rosen moved to spend \$5,750.00 for equipment for an IHS Radio Station. The motion was seconded. A paper ballot was taken.

Teller's Report: Ballots Cast: 27 Votes For: 27 Votes Against: 0

The motion carried.

Angel Barb Howe/Julie Siefkes:

Onti Rosen reported that there are 60 students in the Angel program. The closet has been open on its new schedule. The program accepts donations with a specific focus each month.

New Ambassador

Onti Rosen reported that the New Family Ambassador event at Capri Cellars was a great success.

Community Service Pamela Krueger

Pamela explained that the Community Service program supports connecting students to service opportunities. The Follow Your Heart volunteer Fair will be held on December 8 during both lunches. The fair features organizations who allow high school students to volunteer.

College Test Prep Birgit Aarrestad/Michele Severt:

Birgit Aarrestad and Michele Severt are soliciting information and advice regarding college test prep.

Reflections Leah Gibson:

Onti Rosen reported that the IH PTSA Reflections program garnered 21 entries from 15 artists, 13 of which are moving on to District judging.

Parent Ed

Onti Rosen noted information about upcoming events is available on the parentwiser.org website.

Speakers

Neil Lasher, Security Officer

Neil spoke about misuse of social media (cyber bullying, inappropriate posts, peer conflict issues) being the biggest issue that campus security is facing.

Andrea McCormick, Principal

Andrea promoted the upcoming IHS Parent Ed night scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 6:30pm in the theater. The evening will feature three presentations covering Anxiety in School, Teen Safety, and Creating Space for Resiliency and Advocacy.

Andrea also addressed why IHS does not post iVision segments on its website (privacy/FERPA issues).

Healthy Student Ami Maron, IH PTSA liaison to Influence the Choice Drug Prevention Alliance for Youth, introduce guest speakers Pat Castillo (director of Influence the Choice) and Laura Smith (leading the Be True campaign). Pat introduced the Influence the Choice program and noted that IHS is a pilot site for the Be True campaign.

Laura Smith described the Be True Campaign. The campaign started last spring with posters and is based on data from the Healthy Youth Survey. A key feature of the program is getting students involved as focus groups.

Erin Connolly, ASB Advisor and Activities Director

Erin recapped the October 7 New Student Luncheon, clubs fair (40 clubs participated), grade-level assemblies, and the Veteran's Day assembly. She noted that Homecoming has been rescheduled for November 19, 2016. The Winter Formal has been pushed back to January 28, 2017, the first Saturday after finals, and the Color Run is rescheduled for May 19. Erin noted the following events coming up: Winter Wishes (submitting wishes from November 28-December 2 and wish granting December 12-16.), Winter Formal Q&A for students and parents (December 1, 3:30-4:30), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat musical runs November 30 through December 3, and Class Councils are planning Winterfest (December 12-16).

Miscellaneous Business

Informal Poll Bertina conducted a poll of those present to determine if there is interest in a PTA social event at Capri Cellars in Issaquah. The response was in the affirmative. Plans will be made for a future social.

Thanks Bertina thanked Stacy Heller and Ginger Wilfong for the circus-themed meeting treats.

Adjourned 11:48

Next Meeting: December 9, 2016 9:30 am IHS Main Conference Room