



Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
General Membership Meeting
IHS Main Conference Room

January 12, 2018
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 9:36 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 featuring recent IH PTSA events, programs, and volunteers.

Online Directory Diane Burdette introduced the new online directory and demonstrated how to access it.

Council Report The primary topic of the Issaquah PTSA Council meeting was the three levies that will be on the February ballot. Ballots will be mailed January 24.

Anne Moore, Issaquah School Board President, spoke about the three renewal levies coming before voters. The levies need to receive a simple majority to pass. Anne also described the work of Volunteer for Issaquah Schools, the group that advocates for levies. People can get more information, personally endorse the levies, and donate to VIS at VISvote.org. Honk and Waves will be held January 24 and February 12. Sign up to participate on the VIS website.

MOTION 1 Onti Rosen moved that the Issaquah High PTSA endorse the three (3) Issaquah School District Replacement Levies being put before the voters on February 13, 2018. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and approved.

Secretary's Report *(Sara Carmichael)*

Review of the November 17, 2017 minutes were deferred to the February 9, 2018 GMM.

Treasurer's Report *(Patti Miller)*

Patti Miller presented the November 2017 and December 2017 Financial reports.

Patti noted the following items:

- There were no insurance claims filed in November 2017 and December 2017.
- IH PTSA received a current certificate of insurance effective 12/1/17, and it has been submitted to ISD facilities department.
- The bank reconciliations are reviewed by Blyth Claeys, a non-check signer.
- Mid-year Financial review is scheduled for January 26.

Business

Senior Exit Interviews Diane Burdette noted volunteers (that do not have a senior) are needed to conduct Senior Exit Interviews. People vouched for the great experience that it is.

Help Wanted Diane listed open volunteer positions: Grants Chair; Senior Events Co-Chairs for 2018-2019 All Night Grad Party, Senior Farewell, Senior Breakfast (parents of juniors); Senior Scholarships co-chair (Mary Adkins, looking for co-chair); VIS Liaison; Community Service Program Co-Chair; 2018-2019 open BOD positions of Co-President, Secretary, and Co-Events. Contact Diane Burdette.

What Every Parent Wants to Know about ISD Issaquah School District is holding an informational event on Thursday February 1, at Issaquah Valley Elementary, beginning at 6:30pm.

STEMposium Issaquah School District and Issaquah Schools Foundation are presenting STEMposium, a showcase of STEM learning, on February 15, 2018, from 6:00-8:00pm.

Washington State PTA Events Washington State PTA is sponsoring the WSPTA//Game Development Competition for grades 9-12. Intent to submit a project is January 15, 2018. Final projects are due March 15, 2018. Winners will be announced in April. Jamie Beck will email Keith Stutler, AP Computer Science teacher about this opportunity for students. State PTA also sponsors the Men's Essay Contest—Men Making a Difference. The contest is open to students K-12. Entries are due March 1, 2018. Applications for the Scholarship Program are due March 1. Information about all of these contests and membership benefits is available on the Washington State PTA website.

Nominating Committee Pamela Krueger announced that the election of officers for the 2018-2019 school year will be held during the April General Membership Meeting. According to the Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws, a Nominating Committee of three members shall be elected to identify nominees for the Board of Directors positions.

Diane Burdette nominated Onti Rosen to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Onti Rosen nominated Megan Haas to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Tracie Jones nominated herself for the Nominating Committee.

Pamela read from Section 5 of Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws regarding establishing the Nominating Committee.

MOTION 2 Ami Maron moved to elect Onti Rosen, Megan Haas, and Tracie Jones to the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and approved.

Committee Reports

Awards Marni Kilzi announced that the nomination form for the Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate awards is available online. A link to the form is on the IH PTSA Website Home Page. Nominations will be accepted through midnight on February 11. Awardees will be announced at the March General Membership Meeting.

Advocacy Dea Barnett described the Washington State PTA Voter Voice Take Action Network. Sign up for Voter Voice to get periodic emails from the State PTA about PTA Platform topics and verbiage to send to legislators. Focus Day in Olympia is January 29. Advocacy Week runs from January 29 through February 5. Dea will host an Advocacy Coffee on January 20 for people who want to learn how to begin advocating for issues important to them.

Membership Current membership is 1,403. Staff membership stands at 59. Last year ended with 1,409 members and 62 staff. This year's goals are 1,425 and 70, respectively.

Programs

Angel Jamie Beck reported on the Holiday Gift Bags that were distributed to Angel students in December, an upcoming Closet event on January 23 featuring new jeans and open inventory, the Power Pack (every Friday) program, and Breakfast on the Go available in health room.

Be True Katie Moeller, with the Issaquah Schools Foundation Influence the Choice program, spoke about the Be True initiative at IHS. Katie also announced that the Influence the Choice event titled Hidden in Plain Sight will be presented at IHS in March.

Reflections Leah Gibson provided a rundown of the District Reflections Reception that was held on January 9. Issaquah High has five entries moving on to the state competition. The State PTA Reflections reception is April 28 at Green River Community College.

Grants Jamie Beck will chair the second round of IH PTSA grants. Grant requests are due January 19. The committee will meet Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00pm. Grants will be voted on at the February 9, 2018 General Membership meeting. IH PTSA is still looking for a person to chair the third round of Grant selections in the April-May time frame.

Parent Ed Dea Barnett noted the upcoming ParentWiser screening of Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety on January 24 at IHS and January 30 at Liberty HS. The documentary is appropriate for students age 12 and up.

Dea Barnett also announced that the documentary, The Mask You Live In, will be screened at IHS on April 3 at 7:00pm. There will be more information on the ParentWiser website.

Community Service Program Pamela Krueger noted that IHS administration is embracing the IH PTSA Community Service Program and will include a community service component to Course Selection Day on March 15. For 2018 graduates, community service hours are due on May 1. Pamela will tally hour totals this month and again in March, and she will communicate directly with seniors that have hours logged into the system.

Senior Scholarships Valerie Yanni spoke about Senior Scholarships. The scholarship season starts now. Mary Adkins is coming on board as chair for Senior Scholarships. Applications will be accepted until mid-April. Valerie noted that IH PTSA awarded five scholarships last year, but this year's budget includes money for four scholarships.

MOTION 3 Valerie Yanni moved to increase the Senior Scholarship budget from \$4,000 to \$5,000. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and approved.

New Family Ambassador Valerie Yanni announced the next social event will be February 8, 6:30pm at Masa (317 NW Gilman, Issaquah). This fun, social event is open to all IHS families, not just new families.

College Test Prep Valerie Yanni noted the dates of the upcoming SAT Prep class and SAT/ACT practice exams.

Speaker

Andrea McCormick, Principal Administration hopes to open the new bus loop on January 22. The roadwork is completed. The school is waiting on completion of paint and signage. School will end at 2:52 instead of 2:55 to allow time for high school students to walk to the bus loop at the middle school. The new arrangement will be monitored before opening the old bus loop to student parking.

Andrea noted changes to Algebra 2 beginning semester 2. In addition to the current Algebra 2 class (which includes some pre-Calc concepts), IHS will offer an Applied Algebra 2 for students who aren't necessarily on the pre-Calc track.

Andrea commented that the school continues to have issues with kids not taking registration seriously, causing many schedule change requests. For next year, Course Registration day will be presented workshop-style. Small groups of students will meet with a team consisting of a counselor, administration person, and content experts (teachers). Focus will be getting students in the correct core classes. Students will log in and register during these meetings. More information will be communicated to parents. The same process will be used with current 8th graders.

Adjourned 11:35am

Next Meeting: February 9, 2018 9:30 am IHS Main Conference Room