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Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45  
General Membership Meeting  
IHS Main Conference Room

September 21, 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** Pamela Krueger called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum present. A sign-in sheet is attached to the original minutes.

The speaker, Andrea McCormick – Principal was introduced.

**Andrea McCormick, Principal** expressed thanks and gratitude to IH PTSA for support with textbook check out , picture day, and staff luncheon. She spoke about Nest Time and said it is going really well. Students are embracing the program. Links with information about Nest time can be found on the Issaquah High School page

-(<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/issaquahhs/view/featured-news/2018/09/09/nest-time>) There is a calendar and weekly schedule on the website. Students are emailed the weekly schedule and many students have signed up to receive a remind text daily. There are also physical schedules posted all around school. So far kids have been really good about knowing where to go. Finding a way to track attendance was the biggest challenge. They are scanning student ids for required lessons.

A question was asked about the High School bell schedules changing next year. Andrea is a part of a committee looking into possible schedules for next year. Because of Core 24 the three high schools are looking to coordinate schedules. The committee is looking at different options. They hope to have recommendations out in December and have a decision out to the community in January. New schedule would be for 2019-2020. Surveys for families are being sent out. Look for them in e-news.

**Welcome & Overview of HIS GMM Meetings** *(Pamela Krueger and Wendy Maruchek)*

Pamela welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the board. Thanked members for coming and for their interest and participation. Purposes of the meetings are to celebrate past events and successes, also to learn where we need to improve. Sometimes we will need to make decisions. We meet to demonstrate that we are meeting our financial and fiduciary responsibilities. Finally, we meet to inform and inspire. If you have anything you would like added to the agenda of any meeting, email Pamela and Wendy at [IHPTSApresidents@gmail.com](mailto:IHPTSApresidents@gmail.com).

Council met last week. Ron Thiele informed attendees that the Issaquah School District has a 4 year bargaining agreement with teachers. The district is feeling good about funding. There were 160 new positions hired for this year. The voting delegates for council are Pamela Krueger, Wendy Maruchek, Valerie Yanni, and Sara Carmichael. Diane Burdette is 1<sup>st</sup> alternate and Victoria Evans is 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate.

Wendy thanked volunteers for helping with Emergency Backpack/Buckets, New to IHS Night, New Family Ambassadors, Picture Day Volunteers, Textbook Day Volunteers, Mock SAT/ACT test proctors, Angel Program Volunteers (See attached for specific volunteers.)

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

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

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

Blyth Claeys presented the August 2018 Financial report.

Blyth noted the following items:

- Membership is at \$9435 down 37%
- Pass The Hat is at \$17,335 down 57%
- Senior Party income \$5440 down 57%
- Angel funds are doing well. Exceeded last year.
- The Aug 2018 bank statements were reviewed by Elizabeth McIntyre, a non-signer.

### **Business**

#### **Budget Committee Recommendation on Budget Amendment**

Blyth Claeys made a motion from the budget committee. The budget committee met Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to approve a proposed budget for 2018-2019. Blyth reviewed budget changes from the spring budget. Pamela called for a vote on the motion from committee. Motion passed.

#### **Review of Mission, Goals & Standing Rules**

Board reviewed the Mission and Goals and did not see a need to make changes. Standing rules were also reviewed by the board. Board proposed a single change to the standing rules. The recommendation is a change to rule #9. Board recommends a change to the executive committee and would like to add VP Outreach to reflect the desire to make the school welcoming to all families in the community. Pamela called a vote on the motion from the board. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Events**

**New to IHS Night** – thank you to presidents who ran the evening. Wendy Maruchek would like any feedback. Feedback should be emailed to [IHPTSApresidents@gmail.com](mailto:IHPTSApresidents@gmail.com). It was noted that there were challenges with the audio in the gym.

**ISF** – Sara Carmichael is the ambassador for Issaquah High. ISF partners with the district and PTSA to raise funds to cover things not in our basic education from the state. ISF has donated over 1 million dollars for programs in the district. They fill grant requests from schools and PTSAs all over the district. Fall campaign – All In For Kids is currently running. Donations are down so please make a donation. Honk and Waves are coming up. Look for emails asking for volunteers.

#### **Hospitality**

**Back-to-School Luncheon** – Nicole Garcia reported that the luncheon was a success. 170 staff members enjoyed a delicious meal. Thank you to Danielle Graham, Janani Swaminathan, Andrea Maurer, Renee Barnes. Also, thank you to Vance & Stephanie Dingfelder, the owners of Nourish Catering.

**Staff Monthly Breakfasts** – Co-chairs are Lida Buckner and Mary Denkenberger. The breakfast are to show appreciation to teachers. They had 23 parents bring donated items to the last breakfast. You can go to the website to sign up to volunteer

(<http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/Volunteers>)

#### **Communications**

No Report.

## **Programs**

**New Family Events**-There was a coffee last week, Sept 13th. There is an event coming up Thursday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Capri Cellars. The idea is for new families to connect with existing families to help answer questions.

**Reflections** - Leah Gibson and Kristen Allen-Bentsen. Theme this year is Heroes Around Me. This is a National PTSA Art competition. Leah and Kristen are both IH and District chairs. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Students can go to, <http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/Reflections>, for rules and requirements. If there are questions, email Leah at [RedLeah@mindspring.com](mailto:RedLeah@mindspring.com) or Kristen at [kallenbentsen@hotmail.com](mailto:kallenbentsen@hotmail.com) .

**Angel** - This program provides food, school supplies, clothing and school fees to ensure that families in need can attend school without issues. Tuxes and Tiaras is sponsored by Issaquah Food Bank and all three high schools. Formal wear for homecoming is donated and available for students to shop. This year it was hosted at the Garage. The Garage is a new teen café in Issaquah. Angel is also collecting booster wear. Booster wear can be brought to the office to donate.

**Parent Ed** – Heidi Fuhs presented. Three events coming up.

Seth Perler – Habits for Middle School Success – Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at IMS, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at BLMS and Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at MMS. All three evenings are 6:30pm-8:30pm. Free to PTSA members.

Starting Oct 9<sup>th</sup> The parent project is being run at the Police station. It is a 10 week course. Issaquahwa.gov/parentproject. (<http://issaquahwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=2937&ART=7440>)

Monday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm at Issaquah High School theater. Influence the Choice, film Breaking Point with discussion following. Intended to be Adult Only.

**College and Career** – Jamie Beck said they had 43 students take either the SAT or ACT on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca from Huntington gave valuable information and offered 30 minutes of consultation for those who took the exam. There are other dates offered throughout the year.

**Grants** – Deadline for the first cycle of grants is Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. Grants are for students, teachers, or parents to apply. Submissions can be sent to [IHPTSAGrants@gmail.com](mailto:IHPTSAGrants@gmail.com). Committee is looking for volunteers to sit on the committee. Committee will meet to review the grants and make decisions as to what grants to bring to the GMM. Grants submitted by the Oct 18<sup>th</sup> deadline will be voted on at the November meeting.

**Healthy Student** - Liaison with the school and counselors to promote healthy living for students.

**Be True** – Providing positive messaging for preventing unhealthy habits. Influence the choice works with PTSA.

**Family and Community Engagement**- working to reach out to families in the community. Working to reach families new to the area or new to the language. October 23<sup>rd</sup> there is a new family “Ask a Counselor” night. Currently looking for new committee members, Korean and Chinese speakers.

**Legislative Assembly**- Presidents identify delegates. This year assembly is being held Oct. 20-21 at Green River College. Deadline for identifying delegates is October 12<sup>th</sup>. If interested in attending, let Pamela or Wendy know, IHPTSApresidents@gmail.com.

**Adjourned 11:03 a.m.**