



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45

Issaquah High School Main
Conference Room
June 3, 2016

Welcome and Call to Order – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and Becky Gordon

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet was filed with these minutes.

President's Report – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack and Becky Gordon

Year End Wrap-up/Thank yous – Bertina

- Bertina thanked Diane Burdette for her work on the College Test Prep program. On May 21st, Diane had the most successful session to date, with more than 60 students in attendance. There were over 179 students served this year. Thank you to Stacy Heller and Kathy Smith who proctored the last test.
- Bertina thanked Stacy Feinsilber, Stacey Heller and Sandi Lum for their support of the Senior Recognition Breakfast on Wed, June 1st. PTSA Hospitality helped to make it a festive event.
- Bertina thanked Diane Burdette and Patti Miller for attending the WSPTA Conference in Yakima
- Bertina thanked Ginger Wilfong for her work on the IHS 5K, which is being held today.
- Bertina thanked several people in advance –
 - Leslie Guajardo, chair of Family Ambassadors for hosting the End of the Year Coffee on June 7th
 - Colleen Volk, chair of Senior Events, for upcoming Graduation events.

- Stacy Heller and Sandi Lum for their hospitality work on the June 15th End-of-the-Year Staff event.
- Bertina thanked several people who are winding down, yet ramping up –
 - Robin Hodder, Randi Wright and Leslie Guajardo for their preparation for the New to IHS Night.
 - Sally Feldman for her commitment to Senior Events in 2017
 - Leslie Guajardo and Jen Crewe for their work on New Family Ambassadors.
- Bertina offered a final, huge thanks for a successful year to –
 - All volunteers, all committee chairs, all members of the board and especially those leaving us – Becky Gordon, Cyn Baumert, Liz Herbst, Sandi Lum, Stacy Heller, and Tami Curtis.

IH PTSA Brick at new IMS

The brick will be inscribed with the message: "SOAR/FUTURE EAGLES/IH PTSA 2016". It will be added in the fall.

WSPTA Convention/Best Practices Awards – Becky Gordon

Standards of Excellence – *Platinum*

- The committee was especially impressed with the Angel Program and the strong communication with our membership.

Communication Award – *Gold*

- This was the highest award for Communications. Thank you to Valerie and Tami for all of their work.

Website Award – *Silver*

- Great job to Valerie for her hard work.

Next year's convention is in Western WA; all are encouraged to attend.

Proposed Bell Times Summary

- New proposal – All elementary schools will start at the same time and dismissed at the same time except Grand Ridge
- High schools will start at 8:00 am and be dismissed at 2:52 pm
- Wednesday's start time for the high school will be at 10:10 am and dismissal at 3:55 pm
- This issue will be revisited in the fall.

IMS Construction Update

- The new IMS building construction will be completed on August 17th.

- Keep in mind that traffic will be “a nightmare”. The bus loop will become parking. Everyone will be encouraged to take the bus, or to carpool with other students.

First GMM meeting for 2016 – 2017

Meeting will be on Friday, September 16th at 9:00 am. There was a suggestion to members to consider a cash back opportunity for IH PTSA when back-to-school shopping at Office Max/Office Depot. Please use the IHS code at checkout to take advantage of this. The code is # 70106495.

Secretary’s Report – Liz Herbst

Minutes from the May GM meeting were prepared and presented. The minutes will be filed as presented with one correction: the spelling of Erin Connolly’s name (from Connelly).

Treasurer’s Report/Budget – Diane Burdette

- The May Financial Report is filed with these minutes.
- Proposed Budget 2016-2017 –
Discussion about proposed budget included –
 - Grant money for next year remains at \$10,000.
 - No longer funding after hours at the library as this will be covered by IHS funds because of the 7th period class next year.
 - Angel Program fund will contribute \$1,000 (of the \$5,000) to fund the IHS Non-Optional Fees budget that is provided to students in need next year. It will be a shared expense.
 - We will donate \$1,000 for startup fees for the new Gibson Ek PTA.
 - We will have a reserve of \$25,000.

Motion 1: Onti Rosen made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Budget as presented and attached to the meeting announcements. Seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Committee/Updates -

Membership – Kate Badiozamani

Membership is up to 1267. One person was added yesterday. There will be an announcement at Baccalaureate, encouraging families of seniors to join next year.

Senior Events – Colleen Volk

This year there are more than 330 students going to the All Night party, with more than 22 students receiving scholarship money. Colleen thanked Diane Burdette for all of her excellent help and communication on budget-related issues.

ASB Advisor – Erin Connolly

Updates -

- 8th Grade BBQ on Monday will include twelve clubs and sports teams, the Boosters Club and the PTSA. This is a very relaxed event, with general info available.
- Next year, ASB will be offering a Spirit Pack, which will include an ASB Card and a Spirit Wear T-shirt.
- In 2016-2017, ASB will pick up credit card fees so that ASB items can be ordered online. This should help fundraising efforts. ASB can afford to pay for this due to conservative spending this year.
- There will be an informed consent form available online next year that will cover all ASB activities. This should help improve student attendance.
- Students voted down the idea of having an auction fundraiser next year.
- There was a discussion about the process of getting WIAA sanctioned sports and activities.
- Erin informed the membership that all clubs can now earn a letter provided that they take place on IHS property.

Business – Bertina Loeffler Sedlack

New Check Signatories

- Check signatories for 2016 -2017 are Patti Miller, Diane Burdette, and Bertina Loeffler Sedlack. The new year begins July 1st.

Committee Program Evaluations

- Please submit these by the end of the year.

Open Committee Chair Positions

- ACT/SAT Prep, Membership, I-Vision, Advocacy and Healthy Student.

Principal – Andrea McCormick

Andrea offered congratulations on the platinum Standards of Excellence Award. She said that the 5K went well today, without any incidents. She would like to see changes in the future to make it more fun, like the Color Run. A member asked about whether IHS could offer an intermediate course option to students between on-level and AP classes. Andrea replied that the District does not support “tracking” and offered that some see Running Start classes as an intermediate option. All teaching positions are

filled for next year with the exception of a full-time Computer Science position and a .8 ASL position. Mandarin will be offered as a foreign language next year for the first time.

Programs – Onti Rosen and Anne Watanabe

Grants – Onti Rosen

Onti presented a grant proposal for crosswalk signage for next year. This proposal grew out of a discussion at a PTSA meeting this year about campus safety concerns. The District and the PTSA, in partnership, will fund improvements in crosswalk identification. The grant will be to provide signage for the crosswalks in front of the building and by the music room. These will be installed by next school year.

Motion 2: Onti Rosen made a motion to approve a grant up to \$3200.00, to provide crosswalk signage to improve student safety on campus. Seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

College Test Prep – Diane Burdette

Mock exams are excellent practice for students as well as a good fundraiser for the PTSA. We will use a new test prep company next year. SAT Prep.org has been used by both Skyline and Mercer Island. The benefits of using them include: class can be offered at IHS, they can be offered on weekdays or weekends and the company does all of the registering. The mock exams will still be offered through Kaplan.

Hospitality – Sandi Lum/Stacy Heller

Student Recognition went off without a hitch – thank you to Stacey Feinsilber for chairing the event. Next year we will provide a stipend to contribute to the cost of the food, but not labor.

Testing Snacks - requests have been at the last minute and we will need to work on a process for this going forward.

Bertina reminded the membership that the first meeting next year is on Friday, Sept 16th

Meeting adjourned at 11:29

Minutes submitted by Liz Herbst, IH PTSA Secretary