



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45

Issaquah High School Main Conference Room

Friday, November 13, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:32am. A quorum was present and proper notice was given. An attendance sheet is filed with these minutes.

Guest Speaker: Officer Diego Zanella

Officer Diego followed up about the Parent Education Night presentation. In his summary of campus policing action he mentioned a couple marijuana cases, two knife possession infractions, a sexual misconduct incident – but overall, nothing major, just a lot of educating the students about boundaries. Great school. As a follow-up, he mentioned that sexting and cyberharrasment incidents have decreased overall in the past month. There was a request for Officer Diego or Administration to offer some presence before and after school in the entrance area where pedestrians and cars are creating hazardous traffic situations.

Bertina Loeffler-Sedlack: Thank you's

Bertina thanked Officer Diego for headlining the PTSA Parent Ed event in October.

Bertina thanked the following Chair people and Board Members for their contributions this month: Diane Burdette – Chair College Test Prep Mock Tests (ACT Oct. 17 and ACT Nov 21; plus Tricia Jerue and Jeanne Simons – Chairs CTP class (ACT Test Prep Class Oct 17-Nov 22); Leslie Guajardo – New Ambassador Coffee; Kristen Allen Bentsen and Jana White – Parent Education Night Oct. 27; Early Risers Randi Wright for Legislative Assembly 6:00am weekend in Olympia, and Korina Sullivan for the Senior Exit Interview Breakfast Buffet 6:20am on a Wednesday.

Bertina thanked the new Committee Chairs for offering their help: Sandi Lum – Golden Acorn; Sulekha Shivakumar – Testing Snacks; Christy Otley – Staff Appreciation

She directed our attention to the following upcoming events: Newcomer's Night on Nov. 17; Reflections Finalist Reception Nov. 17 and ACT Mock Test Nov. 21

There was a reminder to complete the Volunteer Background Check
<https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmpplus.net>

Council Report

- Upcoming Bond vote: School Board approved \$533,500,000 school bond. Vote will take place on April 26, 2016. Super majority needed to pass
- Proposal for Late Start in Issaquah School District. Superintendent Ron Thiele will be deliberating in coming months. If approved, the late start could go into effect as early as September 2016. <http://www.startschoollater.net>
- First phase of two-part "Thought Exchange" will be sent to school families this week
- Upcoming Parent Ed: Thomas Guskey will discuss grading reform on January 6, 2016, 6:30pm Skyline HS
- Heidi Fuss representing Council www.issaquahptsa.org mentioned their General Membership Meetings on the second Thursday of each month 9:30am-12:00pm in the Issaquah School District office. The superintendent speaks at each of these meetings.

Secretary Report

- A call for a review of the Minutes from October 2015 -- one amendment was submitted by Becky Gordon
- Margaret Chalfant reviewed the October Bank Statement.

Nominating Committee

The need for one more of three participants to join the nominating committee was voiced. This committee vets and selects nominees for next year's BOD. Jody Mull volunteered.

- **IH PTSA member Colleen Volk moved that** Jody Mull, Cyn Baumert and Ginger Wilfong be approved for Nominating Committee 2016. It was seconded. Motion carried.

Legislative Committee

Randi Wright and Dea Barnett spoke about the Paramount Duty Resolution.

- **IH PTSA member Randi Wright moved that IH PTSA support the endorsement of the Paramount Duty Resolution. It was seconded. Motion carried.**

VIS Report

Jody Mull spoke about the School Bond package of 2016.

- **IH PTSA member Anne Watanabe moved that IH PTSA endorse the upcoming 2016 bond package in the amount of \$533,500,000 as approved by the Issaquah School Board. It was seconded. Motion carried.**

Membership Report

Kate Badiozamani reported current membership numbers. Discussed one way of addressing the desire for membership from a community member who has no children attending IHS is to create a new category called Community Membership. This membership would cost \$10 and would have two differences from Standard Membership: they would not receive a directory, nor would they have a vote at the General Membership Meetings.

- **IH PTSA member Kate Badiozamani moved that IH PTSA revise the Standing Rules to add "Community Member" membership option. It was seconded. Motion carried.**

Legislative Assembly

Randi Wright reported on Leg Assembly October 2015. The subjects of debate this year were whether to support ParaEducator training, and to specifically assist foster children in their educational endeavors. Both were adopted into the 2016 WSPTA goals.

Senior Events Report

Colleen Volk reported that there is an increase in the numbers of seniors this year, perhaps due to overall enrollment increase at IHS. Graduation will be on a Monday this year, which means Friday is designated for the Senior Breakfast and the evening Baccalaureate. After discussing the difficult logistics of having the Breakfast held at the Commons or Gym, she proposed holding the event at Pickering Barn. Rental fee for Pickering Barn is \$600. Colleen felt that there is strong potential for some of this fee to be refunded to the PTSA.

- **IH PTSA member Alison Meryweather moved that IH PTSA allocate \$600 for the Senior Breakfast at Pickering Barn. It was seconded. Motion carried.**

Newcomer Committee Update

Ginger Wilfong reported that Newcomer Night will be held November 17 at 6:30pm in the Library

Reflections Update

Tiffany Aske and Leah Gibson reported that ten artists submitted 16 Reflections Arts Contest pieces. The Reflections Reception will be held on November 17 in the Commons at 6:30pm

Angel Program

Barb Howe thanked volunteers for their assistance this past month. She reported a need for a Communications/PR person – please contact Barb at barbhowe@live.com if you have some skills in graphic design and communications. Barb also added there is a current need for Men's size 7.5 basketball shoes; winter coats; and socks. Donation box is in Front office.

Parent Education

Kristen Allen Bentsen reported that there was a great turnout for October Parent Education event hosted by School Resource Officer Diego Zanella and Pat Costello from Healthy Youth Initiative.

College Exam Preparation Classes

Diane Burdette reported that the ACT mock exams are going well. The next one will be November 17 8:00am-11:30am at IHS. Signups are available on website.

Directory

Tami Curtis reported that despite discussion over the potential to include email addresses in this year's Directory, the IHS BOD made the decision to hold off until further observation as to how well that information is publicly received. BOD will observe other PTSA's and their action to publish email addresses. Potential for privacy concerns.

Special Education

Sandi Lum reported about Special Education events coming up including the Santa Train in North Bend and the Basketball tournament. Special Olympics basketball team begins practice after Thanksgiving. Games will take place after the New Year.

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Kristin Allen Bentsen reported on the ISF "Calling for Kids" campaign that is underway.

Gibson Ek School

Representatives from the new Gibson Ek School: Julia Bamba – Principal; and David Berg – Learning Through Interest Coordinator, described their goals for Fall 2016. Questions arose regarding what type of student body will be accepted and enrolled into the school. While no two students will be alike, Ms. Bamba and Mr. Berg described that their school will be geared toward the student who is "disengaged, not thriving, and not learning" at any of the three conventional high schools in the district. Their approach will be based on the "Big Picture Learning" model. Enrollees will be freshmen and sophomores in 2016, and will grow as the years progress.

Principal Update

Principal Andrea McCormick offered her school report. They rolled out "Remind.com" to students, to help them stay on top of schedules and assignments. They offered a Newcomer survey enquiring as to the social and academic needs of newcomers to IHS. The school hosted a 6th period social for students new to HIS and the PTSA provided snacks. Feedback from this event was very positive and Andrea provided update on what 9th and 12th grade students did while 10th and 11th graders took PSAT. Guest speaker had cancelled so Principal Andrea stepped in. A parent inquired about putting iVision and Announcements on website for parents to look at.

ASB Update

Erin Connelly reported that the New Student Lunch went well, perhaps due to the fact that there was no real agenda or schedule, but was left open and free-flowing. Clubs Fair has 24 clubs signed up. Veterans Day assembly went reasonably well, with multiple speakers offering remarks for shorter amount of time versus fewer speakers with longer speeches in past years. They had a Positive Fan assembly teaching students positive cheers, as an effort to combat the negative and derogatory cheers that have been plaguing games lately. Blood drive – must be 16 years, but must have parental consent if under 18. Hunger Games food drive is underway. WinterFest – week before winter break will have activities such as BINGO night, acoustic night, gingerbread house making, QuadBall, and other activities.

Meeting Adjourned

The November PTSA GMM was adjourned at approximately 12:10pm.

Meeting minutes taken by Tami Curtis, filling in for Liz Herbst