

IM PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

City of Issaquah Council Chambers

October 17, 2006

Proper notice was given to all members - quorum present

Call to Order and Welcome: President Mila Hover called meeting to order at 9:35am.

Approval of Minutes: Dianne Bugge moved to accept 9/19/06 minutes as written. Seconded, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Tochko reported a net income of approx. \$3,000 from Salmon Days Parking. See attached financial report. New Salmon Days Parking chairs will be needed next year.

President's Report: Mila announced that the School Board will discuss and approve a profile that will be used to recruit and hire the new superintendent as part of their Board Meeting Oct. 25, 7pm. At the Oct. 18, 7pm meeting, the School Board will discuss facility needs; whether a 5th middle school and 15th elementary school will be needed. Both meetings take place at the Administration Board Room.

❖ Mila described "Children's Crisis Outreach Response Services" (CCORS), a YMCA Program that offers crisis relief to King County children, ages 3-17, free of charge. Phone number for the Crisis Clinic is 206-461-3222. The IMS Counseling office currently recommends this program as needed. Further information will be included in the Panther Press.

Principal's Report: Principal Corrine DeRosa explained that she is participating in an 8-district team collaboration with Microsoft, aiming to raise math and science rigor in middle schools. The initial focus will be on math (particularly algebra) and then move to include science. The grant developed is to be on-going, written in January, and begin implementation this summer.

❖ WEB groups met again this month at an after school social.

❖ Three surveillance cameras have been installed on campus, with plans for four to be installed this year and three the next.

❖ Counselors are currently presenting an anti-bullying curriculum to 6th graders.

❖ Ms. DeRosa thanked volunteers for their help with Friday Otis Spunkmeyer cookie sales and with the Most Valuable Person program.

New Business: Standing Rules - Blair Baumer moved to add Special Services Liaison as a Standing Committee to the Standing Rules. Seconded. Susan Hegedus explained that Sandra Lum has offered to serve in this role as a resource to parents. Approved.

Legislation: Blair reported that the top five priorities voted at Legislative Assembly were: 1. K-12 funding; 2. math and science; 3. simple majority; 4. reducing class size; 5. school recess preservation. Issaquah School District PTSA's top priority was funding inequities, which placed at 13th at Legislative Assembly, an increase in priority as compared to previous years.

❖ Legislative Roundtable, an opportunity to speak to your legislators, will take place at Interlake HS, Nov. 14, 7-9pm. Blair recommends attending the education funding seminar that will be held before this meeting from 6-6:45pm.

❖ Blair will try to arrange a visit from Kelly Munn to our November General Membership meeting to explain education funding and the special challenges our district faces.

❖ The Newcastle Chamber is hosting a Candidate's Forum, Oct. 21, 10am, at the Newcastle Golf Club.

Guest Speaker: Representative Alice Dees explained the Issaquah Schools Foundation (see attached). To learn more about how to help and/or donate, go to www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org.

Walkabout: Dianne Bugge announced that there will be a second training tomorrow, Oct. 18, 7pm at the IMS Library. She noted that parents and administrators from a new Marysville middle school attended the last training to learn how they might implement a similar program.

ASB: April Green reported a record Magazine Drive total of \$105,000 of which 40% goes to ASB. Susan read a thank you note from bookkeeper Pat Randall praising April and parent volunteers for such a smoothly run drive.

- ❖ The ASB students attended the "Challenger Northwest" teamwork field trip.
- ❖ The Magazine Drive Bingo is scheduled for Oct. 25 at 7pm.
- ❖ The Magazine Drive Gameworks trip will be Oct. 26 from 9:30am - 12:30pm.
- ❖ An after school social will take place Nov. 3, 2 - 3:45 pm. The activity bus will be available.
- ❖ It was suggested that it be better advertised in future that monetary donations are welcome in lieu of magazine orders.

Web Site: Susan Hegedus explained that she plans to update the PTSA's site (issaquahmiddleptsa.org) weekly. Anyone with information to post on the site is asked to contact Susan (hegedii@comcast.net). She is currently working to add descriptions of all PTSA committees.

Directory: Melanie Baur reported that she plans to take the directory to print tomorrow.

Reflections: Karen Starcevich announced that posters are going up and that she will be meeting with teachers soon.

Vision and Hearing: Volunteers are still needed for the screening on Oct. 30, 7:30 - 10:00am.

Parent Education: Susan Hegedus reported on behalf of Karin Allen that many Parent Ed Opportunities are available, passing a list of courses around and noting that further information can be found on the Council web site (issaquahptsa.org).

VP Reports: A VP of volunteers is still needed. Also open: chairs for Spring Forum, Student Activity Concessions, and possibly Staff Appreciation.

Next PTSA General Membership Meeting: November 21, 9:30am, Issaquah Police Station Eagle Rm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am