

IM PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah Police Station Eagle Room

November 21, 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: Blair Baumer moved to accept 10/17/06 minutes as written. Seconded, passed.

Guest Speaker: Kelly Munn - Issaquah School District's Education Funding Challenges.

President's Report: Susan Hegedus reported from Council, noting that Skyline High School will have an interim principal for the remainder of the school year and that the superintendent search is progressing.

- ❖ District PTSA Membership is at 83%.
- ❖ Administration presented the following options to address overcrowding at the middle school and high school level (assuming no new land is found for a 5th middle school):
 - A. Add more portables at middle schools and wait out the population bubble.
 - B. Build additional permanent capacity at the middle schools.
 - C. Convert PCFC to a middle school in 2 years, meantime speeding up the IHS remodel and increasing capacity to 1800 (also increasing Skyline capacity to 1800).

Administration recommended option C. The School Board decided to continue looking for feasible land with which to build a 5th middle school. It has been suggested that, at any proposed larger high school, a small 9th grade campus be a part of the plan. Those with input are encouraged to contact School Board members.

❖ The elementary school math adoption is in progress. Parents are invited to take an elementary math adoption online survey at the District's web site: www.issaquah.wednet.edu/

Principal's Report: Corrine DeRosa announced that the school year's first "All-School Read" practice WASL test has taken place. Students corrected their own tests in order to better understand expectations. There will be two more this year.

- ❖ December 1st, a short day, is the end of trimester one.
- ❖ The Fall Drama Production, "Hoboken Chicken Emergency", will run Dec. 1, 2, 8, and 9. Tickets are on sale during lunches from the Hole in the Wall.
- ❖ Web leaders met with 6th graders at lunch last week. Also planned is an after school movie social.
- ❖ The ASB has been busy with fundraisers for the Issaquah Food Bank, Red Cross, and soon will begin the holiday "Adopt-a-Family" program in SSR classes.
- ❖ The after school social was well-attended with over 400 students.
- ❖ All subgroups involved in the Microsoft initiative have submitted proposals. Six million dollars is to be shared among the 8 Districts' middle schools over a three-year period, focusing on math, grades 5-9.
- ❖ Dianne Bugge suggested that the school web site calendar include the topic of assemblies.

Communications: Jane Lee noted that the directory, completed by Melanie Baur, has been mailed.

❖ Parent Ed - Jane announced two of many upcoming seminars; an all day conference on "Love and Logic" at the Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport on December 7, and "How to Raise Responsible,

Respectful Children in a World Where More is Never Enough" at PCFC on January 22. Links to more information about parent seminars is available at the District web site (www.issaquah.wednet.edu/)

Site Council: Corrine DeRosa reported that the problem of heavy backpacks was discussed. She explained that all 6th and 7th graders have lockers and are required to use them. 8th graders share and are encouraged to use them. She asked for parental help in reinforcing locker use.

Walkabout: Caryn Cissna announced that new coordinators will be needed next year.

❖ Dianne Bugge recently met with Assistant Principal Jason Morse and has plans to obtain teacher feedback via a survey in January.

❖ Caryn explained that next spring, Ken Wong will give a presentation to parents of 8th graders to aid in transition to high school. IMS will host this event, inviting other District middle school parents to attend.

Ways and Means: Lori VanDeMark announced, on behalf of Tricia Jerue, that the Pass the Hat thank you notes would be sent out this week.

Legislation: Blair Baumer announced that the final report of the first phase of "Washington Learns" is available. This can be found at: www.washingtonlearns.wa.gov/

Hospitality: Mary Okada reported that she has found three co-chairs for Staff Appreciation.

Next PTSA General Membership Meeting: December 12, 9:30am, City of Issaquah Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 11:32am