

IM PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

City of Issaquah Council Chambers

December 12, 2006

Proper notice was given to all members - quorum present

Call to Order and Welcome: President Mila Hover called meeting to order at 9:40am.

Approval of Minutes: Jane Lee moved to accept the 11/21/06 minutes as written. Seconded, passed.

President's Report: Goals - Mila read the proposed Goals for IM PTSA 2006-2007 (see attached).

Jane Lee moved to approve the goals as written. Seconded, approved.

❖ Mila noted that the IM PTSA has been given the "Bronze Award" for Membership, having reached over 50% membership so far this school year.

Council Report: Mila announced that over 400 responded to the District's math curriculum survey.

❖ Susan Hegedus explained that the recent snow days have been added to the end of the school year. She added that the Issaquah PTSA Council Presidents are seeking parental input to pass on to the District and Issaquah Education Association (IEA) regarding future calendar planning of snow days.

She recorded comments from the group present and will pass these on. Members with concerns were encouraged to contact School Board members, the Administration, and the IEA.

❖ As a follow-up, it was confirmed that currently the District is still looking for suitable land on which to build a 5th middle school.

❖ Education funding - 41st District Senator Brian Weinstein is working on a preliminary bill (currently unofficial) that would raise all State district levy lids to 35%.

Nominating Committee: Susan asked for volunteers for an at least three member committee to seek candidates for the 2007-2008 school year Executive Board. Training is in January; work to take place in February and March, with elections held in April. Pam Ratcliffe volunteered. Jane Lee made a motion to elect Pam Ratcliffe to the Nominating Committee. Seconded, passed.

Reflections: Karen Starceovich reported on the forty entrants this year. She noted that students enjoyed seeing their peers' work at the lunchtime reception. Ten entries will move on to the District event, which takes place on January 16 at Issaquah High School.

Communications: Jane Lee thanked Ms. DeRosa for the new 4' x 4' PTSA bulletin board that is now mounted on the wall inside and to the left of the entry, near the office. Any committee chairs wishing to post PTSA-related information are asked to contact their VP for approval prior to posting. Mila, Susan, and Jane will monitor bulletin board content.

Financial Report: Nancy Tochko noted that \$1453 has been collected from Friday Cookie Sales.

Reimbursement forms can be printed from the IM PTSA web site. See attached financial report.

Programs: Pam Ratcliffe reported that Spring Forum Chairs are still needed. She will obtain Spring Forum dates from Secretary Sandie Pike.

Hospitality: Kim Swanson noted that the Staff Holiday Breakfast would take place tomorrow morning.

Special Services: Sandra Lum explained that the Special Education Resources Binder can be found in the IMS Library Resource Room. She added that she would like to plan a special education seminar next year on autism, working alongside Parent Ed Coordinator, Karin Allen.

Parent Education: Karin Allen encouraged parents to attend the January 22 seminar entitled "How Much is Enough", 7 pm at Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus. It was suggested that parent education seminars be posted on the new bulletin board, highlighting individual courses as they near.

Principal's Report: Corrine DeRosa noted that further explanation of how the District deals with snow days can be found on the District's web site. She added that the calendar is negotiated in advance with the teachers. It was suggested by members that the calendar be set up to include potential make-up snow days, as several other Districts do.

❖ Promotion has been changed to the afternoon of Tuesday, June 26 with the 8th grade cruise taking place that same evening.

❖ Ms. DeRosa shared how well the students in the ISEP program (for students with behavioral difficulties) did preparing and serving an entire Thanksgiving meal for their parents and District employees.

❖ Three additional surveillance cameras will be installed over winter break. Three are already in place, with the goal being 12 total. The Issaquah Police department will eventually be able to link into the school's system, which would be helpful in a lockdown situation. The City has two cameras in the skate park area.

Volunteers: A VP of Volunteers is still needed. Lisa Gaan added that volunteers are needed for the All School Math Practice WASL, which will take place on January 10-11.

ASB: Dianne Bugge asked about funding differences between ASB and PTSA. Discussion followed. It was suggested that in future a specific goal be attached to "Pass the Hat" in hopes of raising more money for specific needed items such as in-focus machines and document cameras for classrooms. Karin Allen added that Issaquah Schools Foundation will begin taking "Big Idea Grant" applications next month.

Next PTSA General Membership Meeting: January 16, 9:30am, City of Issaquah Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am