

IM PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes  
King County Library Service Center  
March 20, 2007

Proper notice was given to all members - quorum present

**Call to Order and Welcome:** President Mila Hover called meeting to order at 9:39 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jane Lee moved to accept the 2/13/07 minutes as written. Seconded, passed.

**Council Report:** Susan Hegedus announced the "Students of Excellence Collective Arts Show", with accompanying chamber music, will be held at the Issaquah Train Depot, April 6.

❖ The 2007 Issaquah PTSA Council Nominating Committee proposed slate is; Co-Presidents - Heather Gillette & Nancy Campi; Secretary - Deborah Parsons; Treasurer - Kim Weiss; VP Elem. North - Ramona Lawrence; VP Elem. Central/South - Pepsy Wirth; VP MS - Deed Chase; VP HS - Teresa Bretl.

**Financial Report:** Nancy Tochko and Mila Hover asked members to join their Budget Committee to develop next year's PTSA Budget. April Green volunteered. Nancy will send an e-mail to all committee chairs asking for input regarding budgetary needs. The goal is to have the proposed budget ready for vote at the evening general membership meeting in April.

**Special Funding Requests:** Ms. DeRosa explained that permission has been given to relocate the AED to the hallway between the gyms, as it has since been determined that the best location would be an area easily accessible for both adults & students at all hours. In light of this, Nancy Tochko made a motion to deny the request for funds to purchase a second AED for IMS. Seconded, passed.

❖ Larry Goodrie has requested \$500 to purchase equipment for a PE program, "Tennis for Life". Dianne Bugge moved to approve up to \$500 for the "Tennis for Life" program. Seconded, passed.

❖ The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team has requested \$1000 to go toward funding the Junior Achievement Finance Park Field Trip, which supports current curriculum. A \$4000 grant was received from ISF, rather than the \$5000 received last year. In addition, the cost of both the program and transportation has increased. Students will pay \$16. It was suggested that a line item to partially fund this be created for future. This will be easier to discuss/decide after April, when the group will know how much will be awarded for the coming year. Dianne Bugge moved to approve the request for up to \$1000 to help fund this year's Junior Achievement Finance Park Field Trip. Seconded, passed.

❖ Susan Hegedus explained that, in order to raise awareness and conduct a more successful annual phone-a-thon, ISF is asking PTSA's to contribute up to \$250 to cover the cost of printing and postage for a postcard informative mailing. A similar mailing was sent in support of VIS in the past with the cost being closer to \$160. Jane Lee made a motion to approve ISF's request for up to \$250 to fund the ISF mailing, taken from line item 9000-01 (Issaquah School's Foundation). It was noted that going over budget with this line item would be allowed. Seconded, passed.

**Principal's Report:** Ms. DeRosa thanked PTSA and Kim Dreiblatt for organizing beverages for WASL.

❖ Cell Phone Use - Ms. DeRosa explained that cell phones are increasingly becoming a disruption. She will ask for parent support in the Panther Press and send out an all-call explaining the school's cell phone policy: *Cell phones are not allowed in classrooms or in backpacks. Students are asked to keep them in lockers. If a cell phone is seen, it is taken and a parent must retrieve it. If there are emergencies, students are allowed to use the office phone. There are also phones in classrooms that students are allowed to use. They may use cell phones on the lawn in front of the Community Center,*

*but absolutely not on campus.* April Green noted the PCFC campus is blocked from cell phone transmission. Caryn Cissna added that there have been students found using cell phones in the bathrooms by walkabout parents. Ms. DeRosa suggests these parents tell the students to follow them to the office where this will be handled.

- ❖ The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have visited campus and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent's Night has taken place.
- ❖ Follow-up: the ASB now has current info/calendar on the school web site and has picked up litter.
- ❖ June 21 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cruise and Promotion.
- ❖ June 22 - End-of-Year Assembly.
- ❖ June 25 will be a two-hour, last day of school with Field Day.
- ❖ This Friday is the end of the trimester with students being released at 10:31. Grades will be posted on Basmati by Monday, with report cards following within two weeks.

❖ Follow-up: teachers attended a demonstration of active white boards last week at a staff meeting and were favorably impressed. In order for the PTSA to plan the fundraiser, Ms. DeRosa will develop a phased grant request for the purchase of the boards, with requirements/stipulations of training.

**Golden Acorn/Outstanding Educator Awards:** Committee members Margie Gerrity, Susan Hegedus, & Lori VanDeMark presented Golden Acorn awards to this year's recipients; Karin Allen, Jane Lee, & Susan McDonald. The District ceremony will take place on Mar. 27, 6:30 pm at IHS. The Outstanding Educator Awards will be given at the staff mtg on Mar. 30 and be announced in the Panther Press.

**Bulletin Board:** Ms. DeRosa added that she sees parents reading the PTSA Bulletin Board every day.

**Nominating Committee:** Susan Hegedus presented the slate for Nominating Committee Chair, Pam Ratcliffe: President - Mila Hover; Secretary - Debbie Sexton; Executive VP - Susan Hegedus; Treasurer - Nancy Tochko; VP Hospitality - Joy McIlvaine; VP Communications - Asma Ahmed; VP Ways and Means - Cari Schutzler; VP Programs - Pam Ratcliffe; VP Volunteers - Lisa Gaan. Vote to take place at the April mtg.

**Special Services:** Sandra Lum announced the seminar "Inclusion Strategies, Social Intervention, and Organizational Skills for School-Aged children with Autism", April 5, 6-8 pm, IMS Library.

**Site Council:** It was noted that distribution of Valentines did not go as smoothly as hoped during lunch due to the large volume.

- ❖ Next year, Michelle Moore will be ASB Advisor.

**Parent Education:** Karin Allen reminded members of the comprehensive list of Parent Education Seminars listed on the Council web site ([issaquahpts.org](http://issaquahpts.org)). Seminars highlighted: "Coping with Adolescent Stress and Depression", Mar. 27, 7-9pm, Admin. Board Rm.; "Guiding Good Choices" Mar. 19 - Apr. 23, 6-8pm, IMS Faculty Lounge; "Why Isn't There Enough Money for Education?", Mar. 28, 7:45 pm, Grand Ridge Elem. Commons; and a program for students transiting into high school with Ken Wong, May 10, 7-9pm, PCFC.

**ASB:** April Green reported that approx. 400 students attending last week's social.

- ❖ April passed out copies of the ASB budget. Ms. DeRosa added that ASB officers develop the budget with the help of advisor, Mark Dorsett and bookkeeper, Pat Randall.

**Spring Forum:** Dianne Bugge reported that the event will begin May 21 and that the web site will be up soon to schedule validators. PTSA parents will work as hostesses.

**Walkabout:** Dianne Bugge explained that teachers took a survey. She and Caryn Cissna will meet with Assistant Principal Jason Morse next week to review results.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:15am**