

IM PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes
City of Issaquah Council Chambers
September 19, 2006
Proper notice was given to all members - quorum present

Call to Order and Welcome: Executive Vice-president Susan Hegedus called meeting to order at 9:35am.

Issaquah Schools Foundation: Liaisons Cari Schutzler and Krista Mui announced that the annual ISF Luncheon will be Thu., Oct. 19, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm at the Issaquah Community Center. A \$100 donation is suggested for attendance. Proceeds go toward many programs that benefit the greater school population, such as SafeNet, VOICE, and Kateri Brow Big Idea and Classroom Enrichment Grants. Additional information can be found at www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org.

Approval of Minutes: Jane Lee moved to accept 6/13/06 minutes as written. Seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Tochko presented the financial report (see attached), noting that "Pass the Hat" revenue is on target, Logo Wear is lower than projected, and "Gift a Book" higher. The Audit has been completed and was filed in the Legal Documents notebook.

President's Report/ Council Report: On behalf of Issaquah PTSA Council, Susan invited parents to provide input for selection of a new superintendent. Dr. Janet Barry will retire after this school year. The District plans to hire a replacement by March.

- ❖ A demographic study is underway to project future student population and determine the necessity of building a 5th middle school with resultant boundary changes. A parent representative from each school will be chosen to serve on a boundary review committee.
- ❖ Susan explained that our now larger district is allowed more entries in the "Reflections" competition. The theme this year is "My Favorite Place".
- ❖ This year, the District has grown by 240 students, short of the approx. 300 expected.
- ❖ Contract negotiations will go on this year for teachers, secretaries, EAs and bus drivers.

Board of Directors Organization Chart: Areas needing leadership - VP of Volunteers, Staff Appreciation, Audit, Student Activity Concessions, Reflections, Spring Forum, Most Valuable People, 8th Grade Cruise, 8th Grade Promotion. Those interested are asked to contact Mila Hover or Susan Hegedus. Teresa Ducharme added that Site Council hopes to fill 2 to 3 positions with parents from Clark and IVE attendance areas. Meetings are the 3rd Thu. of each month, after school. If interested, contact Teresa.

Principal's Report: Assistant Principal, Jason Morse spoke in Principal Corrine DeRosa's absence, as she was attending an 8-District Team Meeting with Microsoft regarding math readiness.

- ❖ Mr. Morse thanked the PTA for their general support and specifically for the Staff Luncheon, Walkabout Program and Training, Back to School Check-In Days and Packets, and for helping with the new WEB program.
- ❖ Curriculum Night will be September 28, at 6:30 pm.
- ❖ The ASB's Magazine Drive, which supports sports, clubs, music programs, field trips, etc., is off to a great start. Mr. Morse added that each \$10 donation counts as one magazine order with all of this money going directly to IMS. The last turn in day will be September 28.
- ❖ Parents can expect WASL results to be mailed home around Sept. 28.

❖ The PWR ("performance writing and reading") Program (formerly the BEL Program) helps students in need of reading and writing help.

❖ Those interested in this year's testing dates are referred to the District web site: www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/assessment/home.asp.

Legislation: Blair Baumer passed out a Legislative Survey to obtain feedback about our school's priorities. This information will be used at the Legislative Assembly in Yakima, October 13-14. As Blair cannot attend, she asked for any volunteers interested in going.

❖ The Special Education lawsuit, of which our District is participating, will go to court on October 30.

❖ The "Washington Learns" Committee, studying Early Childhood Education, K-12, and Higher Education, has completed a draft report that is available at www.washingtonlearns.wa.gov. Comments are due by Sept. 25, with the final report being completed in November.

Walkabout: Dianne Bugge reported that last week's training session was well-attended (46 parents), despite the conflict with Curriculum Night at IHS. She thanked Jason Morse and Ken Wong for their speaking and assistance. Participants must attend a training session. Caryn Cissna praised the addition of the WEB program and thanked parents and ASB for their help. She noted that school dress code must be followed during Spirit Week.

Site Council: Karin Allen stated that she is happy to take parent input to Site Council.

Parent Education: Karin Allen announced that there is a new Parent Ed chair at Council and that there is a link in the Panther Press and District web site to the many Parent Ed classes.

IM PTSA Web Site: Susan Hegedus explained that school web sites may no longer link to PTSA sites, in order to avoid problems with possible political endorsements or advocacy issues. The school site may post the PTSA web address, but without the link.

❖ Dianne Bugge thanked Susan Hegedus for her work in setting up and maintaining the site, which can be found at www.issaquahmiddlepts.org.

VP Reports: Hospitality - Mary Okada asked that anyone interested in chairing Staff Appreciation contact her.

❖ Ways and Means - Lisa Gaan reported that, to promote Logo Wear sales, there will be an announcement in the "Quah" and a display in the hallway. Friday cookie sales will begin in early October.

❖ Programs - Pam Ratcliffe asked for those interested in helping with/chairing the "Reflections" Program to contact her ASAP. Entrees are due in early December. Chairs are also needed for Most Valuable Person and Spring forum.

Other: A parent was concerned that, although there is a welcoming plan for 6th graders, there is not a similar program to make new students of other grades feel at ease. Mr. Morse acknowledged the problem and said plans are under way to expand the WEB program.

❖ It was suggested that the IM PTSA Board consider including a Special Needs Liaison.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am