

# Issaquah Middle School PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah City Hall Eagle Room

November 20, 2007

Proper notice was given to all members—quorum present

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Karin Allen moved to accept the October 16, 2007 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Issaquah PTSA Council Meeting Report:**

- PTSA Membership is 91% district wide
- Upcoming School Board meetings: 11/28—elementary school site review (work study, no public input); 12/12—Boundary review process and remodel plans for Skyline and IHS presented
- On 12/4, the new graduation requirements will be presented at North Seattle Community College by the Washington Board of Education
- Dr. Rasmussen welcomes questions
- The District Advisory Team (DAT) was disbanded
- One goal of the PTSA Council this year is to focus on middle school culture
- Dr. Rasmussen will speak at the Cougar Ridge PTSA meeting on 11/27
- District Reflections reception at IHS on 1/10

## **Financial Report:**

- Treasurer was not available but reported prior to the meeting that the tax return was filed and insurance has been renewed.

**Membership:** Pat Batt reported 666 memberships to date.

## **Technology Fundraiser:**

- Contact Lisa Gaan to join the committee.
- The IMS Tech Team has set the priority for ACTIVboards (Science, Math, Humanities, Health, and Electives) and eggs (Math, Science, Humanities, Health, and Electives).
- IMS currently has 21 ACTIV boards and four sets of eggs. In order for all Science, Math and Humanities classrooms to have boards, 15 more boards are needed. In order for all Science and Math classrooms to have eggs, 12 sets of eggs are needed.

**Parent Education:** Karin Allen mentioned the upcoming internet security seminar, Screen Smarts, to be held 11/29 at IMS. A follow-up assembly with the students will be held on 11/30.

**Issaquah Schools Foundation:** The annual luncheon raised \$356,000. The ISF board is currently working to identify uses of the proceeds raised in the upcoming Calling for Kids campaign.

## **Legislation:**

- Alison Barthenheier attended the Region 2 Legislative Roundtable on November 15 at Newport High School.
- Focus Day on February 13 in Olympia.
- The Simple Majority ballot issue passed.

## **Site Council:**

- 1200 pounds of food donated during the recent food drive.
- Suggestion to consider a more earth friendly alternative to the magazine drive.
- Eighth grade promotion should only be attended by students with a good chance of passing.
- Request to District to review parking lot plans.
- Fall Fun Fest was a good way to involve kids that spend after school hours at the Community Center.
- Recent Community Center middle school dance attended by 670 students and 40 volunteers.

**Multi Cultural Event:** To be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at IMS. Susan Hegedus moved that the PTSA approve a budget amendment to provide a \$500 budget for this committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

**ASB Liaison:** After school social on 3/13 needs parent volunteers.

**Principal's Report:** (given by Susan Hegedus in Ms. De Rosa's absence)

- All School Math event on 1/22 and 1/23. Volunteers are needed for scoring on 1/23 and 1/24.
- The staff was overwhelmingly in favor to the change in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion eligibility (in order to attend, students must be passing 11 out of 12 core classes)
- Mary Jobe and Lorna Gilmour are pregnant.

- November 30 is the end of the trimester--12/7 is the deadline for grades and report cards go home with students on 12/14
- Boundary Review committee will include all principals and one parent from each school Applications are due on 12/12.
- Club 7 is in place at IMS. Capacity is 10 students in each grade.

**Nominating Committee:** Please let Mila know if you would like to volunteer.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.