

Issaquah Middle School PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Issaquah City Hall Eagle Room

September 18, 2007

Proper notice was given to all members—quorum present

Call to Order and Welcome: President Mila Hover called meeting to order at 9:35 am

Approval of Minutes: Pam Ratcliffe moved to accept the June 12, 2007 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

President's Report: Superintendent Rasmussen spoke at the last Issaquah PTSA Council meeting and will visit all classrooms by November 16.

Financial Report:

- Treasurer Nancy Tochko provided reminders to check the boxes in Anne McNabb's office and that blank forms are in the Treasurer box in the staff room.
- The audit has been completed by Judy Courshon with no major findings.
- Receipts from initial Pass the Hat request are lower than projected. Donation information will be repeated in the Panther Press and on the PTSA bulleting board.
- The June, July and August financial statements were presented. Based upon a comment in the audit, it was uncertain if the financial info needs to be approved. Nancy will clarify this point and will advise at the next meeting.
- A non-signer, Pam Ratcliffe, reviewed the July and August bank statements

Membership: Pat Batt reported 366 families to date. She will calculate individual members and report at the next meeting.

Salmon Days Parking: Lacy Leigh circulated a volunteer sign-up list. Most of the volunteer slots are filled. They would like to borrow an additional set of walkie-talkies. Insurance and permits are in process.

Parent Education: Karin Allen provided a reminder about the parent ed classes posted on the ISD website. She mentioned the upcoming seminars: Cynthia Tobias on How to Help Your Child Love Learning (Oct 15 at 7 pm at Endeavour) and Internet Security (end of Nov at IMS).

Issaquah Schools Foundation: Jody Mull presented an overview of ISF and an invitation to the luncheon on October 18 at the Issaquah Community Center.

Legislation:

- Alison Barthenheier reviewed the simple majority issue on the November ballot. Susan Hegedus moved that the PTSA endorse the measure (EHJR 4204). The motion was seconded and approved.
- You may vote on the Legislative Issues Survey at issaquahptsa.org/legislation.

Site Council: The next meeting is September 24. A representative from the Grand Ridge attendance area is needed.

Principal's Report:

- Ms. De Rosa reviewed highlights of the recent contract negotiation including changes in staff use and accountability during the Wednesday altered schedule.
- The Continuous Improvement Plan for IMS continues to focus on reading scores and for the next three years will concentrate on closing the gap in low income students which currently represent 9-11% of IMS students.
- Current enrollment is 907 students (873 projected). 2006-7 enrollment was 899.
- Lorna Gilmore is one of nine candidates for State Teacher of the Year to be announced on October 19.
- All students are now required to use lockers.
- All science classrooms now have ACTIV boards because of the PTSA financed purchase of an ACTIV board last spring. There are now eleven ACTIV boards at IMS.
- WASL scores will be sent home by the end of September
- Curriculum night is September 27
- Coffee with Corrine at 10 am every Thursday
- Gymnastics program will continue this year

Communications: Chairpersons still needed for ASB Liaison and Student Directory

Ways and Means:

- Chairperson needed for Grant Writing.
- Cookie sales start October 12.

Programs: This year's Reflections theme is "I Can Make A Difference By..."

Volunteers: Volunteers needed to collect magazine drive forms and distribute prizes.

Website: All committees have generic email addresses on the website. Mail is automatically forwarded to the personal email addresses of the committee chairs. Please send committee updates to Susan Hegedus for placement on the website.

Upcoming Events:

- Legislative Roundtable, November 15 from 7-9pm at Newport High School
- PTA & the Law, October 18 from 6-9 pm at Mercer Island High School or October 16 from 9 am-12 at the ISD Adm building.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.