

**Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35  
General Membership Meeting  
November 18, 2008; 9:30 am  
Issaquah Police Station Eagle Room  
Minutes**



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**Issaquah Middle PTSA Mission Statement**

To encourage and support parent involvement, input, and participation in student academic learning and activities.

To work cooperatively with teachers and staff to provide a safe environment where respect and high expectations for achievement are reached.

To encourage students to be responsible, knowledgeable, caring and productive citizens.

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**Call to Order Time – 9:40**

16 members attended.

**Comments & Questions – Susan Hegedus**

Secretary Christy Garrard has resigned; Sally Brunette taking notes for the day. Susan asked if anyone was interested in the position. No one volunteered. Blair Baumer resigned as co-chair of WalkAbout. Karla Greer has been recruited to replace her.

**Secretary's Report – Christy Garrard**

Approval of October 2008 Minutes

Motion to approve: Anne Moore

Second: Lisa Sacia

Discussion: Correction to change adjournment time from 11:45pm to 11:45am

Motion approved with amendments

**Financial Report – Kim Dreiblatt**

October Financial Report

Discussion: Review of October financials attached. We received a NSF check for logowear. Kim will try to resubmit it.

**Principal's Report – Corrine DeRosa**

No report.

Questions for Corrine (Susan will ask her at their next meeting)

- How is IMS coordinating Adopt A Families this year?
- What happens if special needs students don't pass the WASL – does the school go on the AYP list? Will Corrine please explain more about AYP at the next PTSA meeting?

**President's Report – Susan Hegedus**

PTSA Council meeting:

- Boundary review committee has submitted a proposal to the superintendent. Once he reviews it, the School Board must approve it.
- I.H.S. Construction – Traffic mitigation issue resolved, design issue resolved, design will go out to bid in January and work should begin in February or March 2009
- HS Reculturing – District and volunteers are working to define core values for the high school
- District calendar – A full week for the February winter break is back in the 2009-2010 calendar. Council members asked for more information about how the calendar is determined and how community input can be submitted
- School Board – Chad Magandenz has replaced Mike Winkler
- Membership – District membership in PTSA is 88%
- Dr. Rasmussen and school board are working on end statements such as 'what does every student need to graduation' and 'are we accomplishing that job?'
- Levy work to start next year for election in Spring 2010. It will cover Maintenance and Operations (M & O), Technology, Transportation, smaller Capital Projects
- New State Superintendent of Public Instruction – This person does not have the ability to discontinue the WASL. Any changes must go through the legislature

- Middle School experience – District hosted recent focus groups of teachers, administrations, parents and students from each of the four middle schools. The goal was to review the middle school survey conducted last spring and get more information. District will review and tabulate the information and get back to community after that

Washington State PTSA publishes an online magazine called The Child Advocate. Susan will share information with the membership about how to access this magazine.

### **Unfinished Business –**

SKWIM funding request on hold. Waiting for more information.

### **New Business –**

Need to elect a Nominating Committee. Susan asked for volunteers. Members were asked to bring names of potential committee members to the December meeting. The committee will be formed in December, trained in January, meet in January and February and present a slate for elections at the April board meeting.

### **Legislation - Alison Meryweather**

- Promoted Region 2 Legislative Round Table discussion to be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Newcastle Elementary. Legislators will discuss the Basic Education Task Force that will submit five proposals for review to the Governor by Dec. 1
- February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Rally for Education in Olympia, rally is from noon – 1pm

### **Site Council - Debbie Sexton**

- There will be an all school math event in January and an all school write event in March. These are practice WASL tests.
- There will be a community dance at the community center on December 5<sup>th</sup>. There are many after school activities available at the community center. Art classes will begin there in January.
- A feasibility study was conducted for the City of Issaquah about the pool. Results of the study will be presented to the City Council in January.

### **Committee Reports**

ASB – Carmen Thomas

- Food drive ends today
- IMS Social is 11/21/08
- ASB website recently updated
- Spirit day is December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Web activity December 9th

Parent Education – Patty Flynn

- Parents, Teens, and the Law – a combined middle school and high school seminar

Pass the Hat – Susan Hegedus for Tricia Jerue

- Email thank you letters have been sent; check to see if you received one

Website – Susan Hegedus

- Open to suggestions, additions and updates

Membership – Pam Nordquist

- 737 members year-to-date

Directory – Susan Hegedus for Bert Jones

- Still waiting on data to complete directory

Issaquah Schools Foundation – Anne Moore

- If you buy anything from Amazon, go through ISF website and they will get up to 8% of the purchase price

Staff Holiday Breakfast – Lisa Gaan

- Recruiting volunteers now
- Will probably be held, Wed. Dec, 17th

Logowear – Pat Batt

- Majority of orders have been distributed

Reflections – Pam Keller

- 27 entries received
- They will be displayed at school sometime later this month
- Winning entries go to district competition in December

**VP Reports -Susan Hegedus**

- Should we fundraise for additional white boards? Susan will ask Corinne how many the school needs and a decision will be made in December whether to hold another fundraiser similar to last year.
- Does anyone have volunteer suggestions to head up Beautification or the End of the Year Staff Luncheon?

**Adjourn Time: 11:25am**