

Approved as amended

Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35
General Membership Meeting
December 16, 2008
Issaquah Police Station Eagle Room
Minutes

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.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Susan Hegedus at 9:40am. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report:

Anne Moore moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Dianne Bugge seconded, the motion passed.

Financial Report:

Kim Dreiblatt reported that Logowear was paid about \$5000.00 and brought in approximately \$6600.00. Income was high this year due to 6th grade student purchases and the addition of sweatpants. **Kim Dreiblatt noted that the December's minutes were missing the information that the bank statements had reviewed by Pat Batt.**

Principal's Report:

Corrine DeRosa reported that hard copy report cards would be sent home today. Teachers are supposed to post grades 5 days after the end of the trimester on Family Access. The Adopt A Child program served 37 kids and all items were delivered. The program was optional for SSR classes, with each class voting whether or not to participate. Notices were given to kids in SSR classes that did not participate so that those kids could have the opportunity to contribute. Adopt A Child was an ASB project and parents volunteered to deliver the items. The canned food drive brought in 1020 cans of food for the Issaquah Food Bank. The drive was a contest, boys versus girls. The girls won. IMS P.E. department will be receiving \$1000.00 from the NFL and \$1000.00 from JCPenney because of the contest won by an IMS student that included a visit from Matt Hasselbeck. Club 7 for 7th and 8th grades is running and full. Club 7 for 6th graders will start Thursday. National Junior Honor Society will start January 14th. There are 100 kids with a 3.7 or higher. This club is for 8th graders only and will be run by teachers Patti Banashak and Gayle Boyd. Honor roll is for kids who earn a 3.5 GPA or higher.

IMS did not meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in Special Ed. math, Special Ed. reading and low income math. If AYP is not met next year, parents could choose a

different middle school in the district and the district would pay transportation. No middle school in the District met AYP. To achieve AYP this year, 58.7% of students will need to pass math and 65.1% will need to pass reading. If scores rise by 10%, the school will go into safe harbor. IMS is a Title 1 school (Maywood is as well) so transportation costs would come out of Title 1.

Turnitin.com is a tool teachers are using and are happy with the tool. The PTSA paid for a one year license.

Guest Chad Magendanz, School Board Member:

Mr. Magendanz is the new School Board Member from District 4. He discussed the potential State budget cuts and what challenges that will create for the District. He stated that the District will try to mitigate any budget cuts and try to minimize the impact the cuts will have in classrooms. The Bellevue and Seattle School Districts gave raises that the Issaquah School District may not be able to match.

President's Report:

Brian Deagle has been appointed School Board President for a one year term. Dr. Rasmussen has adopted the new District-wide school boundaries. The Issaquah High School reconstruction project goes out to bid on January 5th. Phase 1 has an August 2010 completion date. Progress on Skyline continues. The Middle School Experience will reconvene in January to review data collected from the survey and establish recommendations. The Optimal High School Experience team has completed preliminary work. New Language Arts curriculum adoption for Middle Schools is underway. Reviews for High School language, chemistry and physics and Elementary science will follow. The State budget from the Governor is due tomorrow. On January 9th Kelly Munn of the League of Education Voters will hold an informational seminar on education funding at Issaquah High School, room C-5.

The OSPI website offers grade level expectations, click on "Your Child's Progress" under the "Parents" section of the website. The Washington State PTA magazine can be accessed online. The next PTA and The Law training seminar will be January 13th from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in Bellevue. Please let Susan Hegedus know if you would like to attend by January 6th. The Issaquah Food and Clothing bank is still looking for people to sponsor children.

Unfinished Business:

Susan Hegedus presented a Funds Request. Alison Meryweather moved that the PTSA approve \$500.00 for fins for the Squim Program. Dianne Bugge seconded, the motion passed.

Anne Moore moved to appoint Sandra Lum and Sally Brunette to the Nominating Committee. Alison Meryweather seconded the motion, the motion passed.

New Business:

Susan Hegedus opened nominations to fill the vacant Secretary position. Anne Moore nominated Patty Flynn. A vote was taken and Patty Flynn was elected.

Susan Hegedus introduced a Funds Request to purchase 8 Active Board and 5 sets of Active Expressions. Lisa Gaan moved the PTSA use \$6600.00 of unallocated funds to purchase White Boards. Kim Dreiblatt seconded the motion, the motion passed. Anne Moore moved to table the Funds Request for White Boards. Kim Dreiblatt seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Legislation:

Alison Meryweather reported that the Basic Education Finance Task Force (BEFTF) is recommending changes in the way Washington State funds education. Parents need to make sure this legislation keeps going forward. Parents should contact their legislators to ensure that State budget cuts don't cut education funding. Parents should ask friends and relatives across the state to contact their legislators. February 26th is Focus Day. It will consist of a rally from noon to 1:00pm. Parents should contact Alison if they would like to go. The PTSA Council would like 10 parents from every school in the District to attend.

Site Council:

Debbie Sexton reported that Middle School sports philosophy was discuss regarding participation verses competitiveness.

Committee Reports:

Sally Brunette read the names of the 12 finalists for Reflections. January 20th is the District reception.

Lisa Stacia reported that the staff holiday breakfast was delayed until January due to weather.

Pat Batt reported income of \$256.00 from Boxtops for Education, that cookie sales are going well, and the PTSA has 737 members.

Anne Moore reported that Robin Callahan is resigning as the Executive Director of the Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF). ISF can benefit from purchases on Amazon.com if users go to the ISF website first and link to Amazon.com from there. The grant process has begun.

Sandra Lum reported that there is now a Special Education binder in the IMS library. The Walkabout January through March schedule is on the website now.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.