

Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35  
General Membership Meeting  
January 20, 2009  
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:** The meeting was called to order by President Susan Hegedus at 9:38am. A quorum was present. Susan read an essay about Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Secretary's Report:** Kim Dreiblatt noted that the December minutes were missing the information that the bank statements had been reviewed by Pat Batt. The minutes were amended. Alison Meryweather moved to approve the minutes as amended. Anne Moore seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Kim Dreiblatt reported that \$15,000.00 was moved to savings from checking. \$700.00 was paid for Gift A Book and \$400.00 was paid for AR expenses. More Pass the Hat money came in from matching funds. Procedures for bank statement review were discussed.

**President's Report:** Susan Hegedus reported that Child Advocate magazine is available online and she passed around the December issue. Our Middle School Experience project and The Optimal High School Experience Project are continuing. The Reflections reception is tonight at PCFC. PTSA Council amended its "Recognizing Organizations" document to clarify relationships with organizations involved in education. The document can be found at the Council website [www.issaquahptsa.org](http://www.issaquahptsa.org). Washington State PTA would like to know if anyone would like to speak at Focus Day. If so, contact Washington State PTA at [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org). The Washington State PTA Nominating Committee has created its slate of candidates, the slate can be found on [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org). Judges are needed for State PTA awards. The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling is looking for someone involved in PTA to serve on a short-term committee meeting three times between end-January and June to help develop gambling prevention curriculum. If interested, contact Susan. The State of Washington has launched a searchable website about the State budget at [www.fiscal.wa.gov](http://www.fiscal.wa.gov). The Issaquah Press is starting a new feature, "Gold Stars", that will recognize students and children in the district who have done great things in the community. Contact Chantelle Lusebrink at [clusebrink@isspress.com](mailto:clusebrink@isspress.com). Lisa Gaan introduced Shannon Jasman.

**Unfinished Business:** Susan Hegedus discussed the funding request for 8 Activboards and 5 sets of Activexpressions. At the December meeting, the PTSA approved \$6600.00 toward the purchase of these items but tabled the Funds Request. Additionally, there was \$1400.00 in the Activboard Restricted Fund which was applied toward the purchase of Activboards. Combined with funds the school has, IMS will purchase 5 Activboards. Activexpressions usage was discussed. IMS still needs 6 Activexpressions sets and 3 Activeboards. Dianne Bugge agreed to be on a committee to hold a fund raiser to fund this request. Lisa Gaan moved to create a fundraising committee to raise funds to provide for technology at IMS to be named The 2009 Technology Fundraising Committee. Alison Meryweather seconded the motion. There was discussion. Anne Moore moved to amend the motion to read, To create a 2009 Special Technology Fundraising Committee, the spending of the proceeds will be determined by the PTSA membership for purchases of technology. Sandi Lum seconded the motion. The amendment passed. The membership voted on the original motion as amended. The motion passed. Anne Moore moved to fund the 2009 Special Technology Fundraising Committee up to \$650.00. Kim Dreiblatt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sandi Lum moved to nominate Vicki Hoffman and April Green to serve on the IM PTSA Nominating Committee. CamilleVaska seconded the motion. The motion passed.

At the September meeting it was discussed that there were funds from 2007-2008 that hadn't been spent for Club 7. Club 7 is administered by the Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) to provide academic help for students. In September the membership passed a motion to pay those funds for Club 7. At that time, Club 7 was not staffed. It is currently staffed and running. The PTSA will go forward with 2008-2009 funding.

**Legislation:** The Basic Education Funding Task Force report was released. The bill to accept the recommendations of the Task Force is HB1410. This is the first step toward reforming education funding in Washington State. Parents should write their legislators to ask them to vote for the bill. Parents should ask relatives around the State to contact their legislators. Check the PTSA website to learn how to contact your legislator. Click on "Links" and then "Legislation". Stand for Children, Issaquah Chapter, is holding a seminar Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at the King County Library Service Center regarding education reform from 7:00-8:30 pm. The State PTA's annual Focus Day will be February 26 in Olympia. The main event will be a rally on the Capitol steps at 12:00 noon. It is important to have as many people there as possible and we would like to get 10 people from IMS to go. Three people said they are planning to go.

**Site Council:** Site Council did not meet in December.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parent Education:** There will be a Parent Education seminar, "What are preteens and teens really doing today?" The seminar will be held at Issaquah High School on

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Skyline High School on February 9<sup>th</sup> and Liberty High School on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm.

**Special Services:** Susan Hegedus gave Sandi Lum information regarding the Sammamish Little League's Challenger Division for Special Needs kids.

**Golden Acorn:** CamilleVaska reported that it is time to submit nominations for Outstanding Educator and Golden Acorn. The forms, and the box to use to turn the forms in, are in the office. Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. Patty Flynn and Dianne Bugge volunteered to serve on the Committee.

**Website:** Items to be posted on the website should be emailed to Susan Hegedus.

**ISF:** ISF will have its "Calling for Kids" event February 11<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from last year's "Calling for Kids" paid for 175 teachers to receive GLAD training. This year volunteers will call existing donors. January is national mentor month. ISF's mentoring program is VOICE. For more information on becoming a mentor, visit [www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org).

**Staff Holiday Breakfast:** The breakfast was held Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and went well.

**Directory:** Directories were sent home in December.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:23am.