

Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35
General Membership Meeting
April 21, 2009
Issaquah Middle School Library
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 7:12 pm. Proper notice was given and a quorum was present. Susan read the five points of Rachel's Challenge and a paragraph from Rachel's essay from www.rachelschallenge.com/iaccept.

Secretary's Report: Alison Meryweather moved to approve the minutes as amended. Sally Brunette seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Financial Report: Kim Dreiblat reported that money from corporate matches came into ACTIVBoards and Pass The Hat. Money was spent on the Fall Staff Luncheon, Teacher Grants, and the Library. The bank statement was reviewed by Dianne Bugge.

Introductions: Each attendee introduced themselves.

Principal's Report: Corrine DeRosa reported that WASL is going well. The absence rate is very low and that will make the make-up sessions easier. At tomorrow's ISD Board of Director's meeting the District will inform the School Board of the number of teachers who will be notified of the Reduction in Force (RIF). The District will recall teachers based on need and seniority. The District will offer full year electives for 8th graders district wide in the fall. The District will offer a health class online. The FLASH and the AIDS curriculum previews will be available in June at the District office. IMS got an Earth Hero award from King County. There will be a ceremony to receive the award. ASB is promoting recycling. The students did presentations at lunch. The All School Write went well; it was helpful for the entire staff to score the writing. The CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) Team will look at the results.

President's Report: IM PTSA received a Standards of Excellence Award from Washington State PTA. There will be a State of Finance seminar next Tuesday at 6:30 at the Administration Building. The seminar will cover how the State budget will impact the District. Presenters will be Administrators from the District. The Optimal High School Experience has five guiding beliefs, the list is available on the District website. There will be a community input meeting on Monday May 18th at 6:30 at the Administration Building. The results of the Healthy Youth Survey and the Calendar Survey are available on the District website. The Levy Development Committee has been created for the levy ballot measure in February 2010. The measure will be for a Maintenance and Operation Levy, a Transportation Levy, and a Capital Levy. The Transportation levy will be for the purchase of new buses to replace old buses that need to be removed from service. The levy will be for the purchase of buses only, not to fund the operation of the buses. The Committee is looking at critical repairs at all schools in the District and will look at technology needs next.

Issaquah PTSA Council Report: Art Walks begin May 1st. Middle and High School student art is being displayed at Up Front Gallery. The Middle School Presidents met with Ron Thiele. Students will now have until their junior year of High School to decide if they would like their grades from language and algebra they took in 8th grade to be included in their High School transcripts. Washington State PTA is offering a seminar on May 19th in Bellevue titled "Teens and Tweens"; the speaker is Laura Kastner, a psychologist. The March edition of Child Advocate is available online. Personal insurance is available through State PTA.

New Business: Kim Dreiblat presented the 2009-2010 IM PTSA budget. Patty Flynn moved to accept the proposed 2009-2010 budget, Alison Meryweather seconded. Anne Moore moved to amend the proposed budget to add \$300.00 to line item 9000-01 to cover mailing. Sally Brunette seconded the motion. The amendment passed, the amended 2009-2010 budget passed. Susan presented amendments to the IM PTSA Standing Rules for 2009-2010. Alison Meryweather moved to approve the amended Standing Rules for 2009-2010. Anne Moore seconded the motion, the motion passed. Susan Hegedus introduced the slate of officers for 2009-2010. They are:

Co-Presidents: Camille Vaska and Sally Brunette
Secretary: Patty Flynn

Treasurer: Kim Dreiblatt
VP Hospitality: Lisa Sacia
VP Communications: Jackie Carr
VP Ways and Means: Blair Baumer
VP Programs: Sandi Lum
VP Volunteers: Heidi Klansnic and Shannon Jasman

Susan asked for nominations from the floor following the announcement of each position, there were no nominations from the floor. Patty Flynn moved to accept the slate as a whole. Alison Meryweather seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Sandi Lum and Kim Dreiblatt were nominated to be the IM PTSA Delegates to the Washington State PTA Convention. Sandi and Kim were approved by the membership.

Legislation: Anne Moore reported that the Senate and House passed the redefinition of Basic Education. Some of the highlights include adding a 6th period for Secondary schools, programs for early learning for at risk children, and full day kindergarten. The law is a road map to accomplish the new goals and will be phased in through 2018. Anne asked members to send a thank you email to all the legislators who voted for the bills.

Site Council: There is a note on Family Access congratulating the students who made Honor Roll, the Honor Roll list is also posted in the hallway and ASB is working on an additional recognition. Phase II of the parking lot is unlikely to happen due to wetland regulations. The IMS front office is due to be reconfigured.

Awards: Camille Vaska reported that Outstanding Educator Awards were presented at the last Staff meeting to Julie Braithwaite, Kathleen Gottlieb, and Bob Kirkham.

Staff Appreciation: Staff Appreciation is the week of May 4th, the theme is Amazing Race.

Panther Passage: Panther Passage still needs volunteers, sign ups are on the PTSA and school websites. Panther Passage is May 18-June3, 2009.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.