

Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35  
General Membership Meeting  
May 19, 2009  
Eagle Room, Issaquah Police Station  
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 9:35. Proper notice was given and a quorum was present. Introductions were made. A sign in sheet is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

**Secretary's Report:** Pam Ratcliffe moved that the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting be accepted as submitted, Lacy Leigh seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Kim Dreibratt reported that the bank statement was reviewed by Dianne Bugge. There was interest income and Kim reported that she paid expenses for Gift A Book, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Open House, Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator Award, and Teacher Grants.

**Presidents Report:** Susan Hegedus reported that the PTSA Council meeting included a luncheon for outgoing Presidents, incoming Presidents and Principals. Elementary 15 permits were granted. The Levy Development Committee has completed their report. There will be three levies and no bond, a renewal of the Maintenance and Operations Levy for basic operations of schools, a Transportation Levy to preserve the school bus depreciation schedule; and a Capital Levy to fund critical building repairs and educational technology. All the levies are replacement levies, not additional levies. VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools) will provide money and manpower to support passage of the levies. Site Councils were discussed and IMS was recognized as a Site Council that was working well. ISF's (Issaquah Schools Foundation) "Calling for Kids" will be Oct 20th and 21st. IM PTSA will donate money for the mailing that precedes the calling. The ISF Luncheon will be May 13, 2010. A postcard will be sent in August that will be a three pronged message to 1) join PTSA, 2) donate to ISF and 3) to notify citizens that an election is coming and to encourage a yes vote on the levies. Club 7 will not be funded by ISF next year.

Washington State PTA convention was held and Scott Allen was elected President. All bylaws were accepted as presented. An amendment to allow email voting, if local units would like, passed. PTA Taking Significant Action awards were given to Endeavour for Math Blasters (Honorable Mention) and 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Beaver lake Middle School for DATA Week, a drug and alcohol awareness program. IM PTSA received the Standards of Excellence Award, Gold Level. Scott Allen was elected President of the Washington State PTA. Parents, students and community members can go to Facebook to vote for PTA as their favorite charity. Some of the artwork from reflections has been made into note cards and will be available to order on the Washington State PTA website. The Federal Communication Commission is looking for input on the expansion of the internet. Individuals can go to the website, [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov), to provide input. WA State PTA is launching a new website design that will be up soon. WA State PTSA is looking for suggestions for leadership materials, email your input to them. People to People is looking for Student Ambassadors. If your child is interested, email Joe Osborne at [joe.osborne@peopletopeople.com](mailto:joe.osborne@peopletopeople.com). There will be an informational meeting in the fall. Susan Kelly, a teacher, sent a thank you note for Staff Appreciation Week. PTSA Council passed its 2009-2010 budget.

**Principal's Report:** Corrine DeRosa thanked all volunteers for their work all year, including Staff Appreciation, Panther Passage and Walk About. Panther Passage is underway. There were 109 kids who qualified for National Junior Honor Society, with a GPA of 3.7 or higher and community service. The induction ceremony is tonight. Dr. Rasmussen will be the speaker. There is school this Friday. June 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school. It will be a two hour day with a regular start time on 7:37am. Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> will be half days. IMS won an Earth Hero Award. The Custodians, kitchen staff, teachers, and students were all involved. King County will hold the ceremony. IMS has reapplied to be a Green School. There will be more recycling to come. There will be no Panther Passage on Thursday because there will be an election assembly. 10 teachers from IMS were RIF'd. As soon as the Governor signs the budget, there will be 2-3 weeks for planning, then transfers, then administrators will look at excess and move teachers to needed areas.

**New Business:** IM PTSA needs a committee of three for the end of year financial review. Toni Spady will chair. Debbie Sexton volunteered. The committee needs one more volunteer.

**Legislation:** Alison Meryweather is in Olympia watching the signing of the legislation to redefine basic education for the State of Washington. Stand for Children will hold it's end of year event at the King County Library Center. Susan Hegedus reported that the School Board will invite legislators to the end of year meeting, the District will send an email to notify parents. There is another bill that parents can ask the Governor to support, SSB 5539 that addresses the investment abilities of Counties.

**Site Council:** Debbie Sexton reported that the Site Council is looking for two parent representatives for next year. There was a significant increase in student attendance during WASL. The Community Center Middle School dances have the same rules regarding dress that IMS does. The Youth Advisory Board is looking for representatives. The Youth Leader Volunteer of the Year was announced.. Site Council will hold its last meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Committee Reports:** ASB Elections will be Thursday. There are 738 members of the IM PTSA. Walk About training will be Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the IMS Commons. Dianne Bugge thanked all Walk About volunteers. Dianne will email all returning volunteers and will schedule veteran volunteers for September and then add in new volunteers. Pam Ratcliffe reported that the PTSA will provide paper for programs and certificates, decorations and set up and clean up for 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion. The cruise leaves at 1:30pm. Promotion is from 12:00-1:00pm. June 16<sup>th</sup> is an early release for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Lisa Sacia and Lisa Gaan will chair the end of year staff luncheon. Sally Brunette reported that there may be an art project volunteer. Susan Hegedus reminded members to check the dates listed the on back of the agenda. June 4<sup>th</sup> is PTSA Council training. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for reimbursement. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff for Teacher Grant reimbursement claims to be turned in. June 9<sup>th</sup> is last meeting of the year, Susan asked for someone to host the potluck luncheon.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.