

Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35  
General Membership Meeting  
June 9, 2009, 2009  
Jackie Carr's Home  
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 12:25pm. Proper notice was given and a quorum was present. Susan thanked the volunteers and there were introductions.

**Secretary's Report:** Dianne Bugge moved that the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting be accepted as submitted, Sally Brunette seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Kim Dreiblat reported that the bank statement was reviewed by Dianne Bugge. IM PTSA received income from Employee Giving Campaigns, specifically Microsoft. The PTSA received \$250.00 this quarter, \$1000.00 for the year. Brian DeBroux, the Librarian, spent \$1300.00 for books from Gift A Book, the PTSA paid \$1300.00 for Beverages for Student Testing, \$170.00 for postage, \$49.29 for Special Services, \$88.41 for AR tests, \$612.37 for Teacher Grants, \$13.00 for State PTA fees for new members and a legal filing fee. Check signers for next year will be Sally Brunette, Camille Vaska, Sandi Lum, and Kim Dreiblat.

**President's Report:** Susan Hegedus reported that there is a report posted on the District website about the Middle School Experience. The report looks at the culture of Middle Schools. There was a survey last spring for parents, students, and staff members. There were two focus groups of students, parents, staff, and administrators. General findings include: kids need opportunities with adults, students like their teachers and they like electives. Staff members feel students come to school prepared to learn. The focus groups identified programs that are working well. The data will be used by the District in its counseling review. The focus groups sparked conversation between the four Middle Schools in the District and will continue. There is a new high school math curriculum adoption underway. For more details, visit the District website. The curriculum is called Discovering Mathematics (for geometry and algebra 2). There is a work study session tomorrow at 5:00 pm that is open to the public, but not open to public comment. Action will be taken this summer. There is more information on the District website. Check the District website for construction updates and information on the ceremonial ground breaking at Issaquah High School. The District website has information on the Optimal High School Experience. Susan passed a flier for math tutoring.

**Principal's Report:** Corrine DeRosa reported that everything is going well at IMS. Next week will consist of two half days (Monday and Tuesday) and a two hour day on Wednesday. Monday is the end of year recognition assembly and yearbooks are handed out. Tuesday there will be 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation practice. The budget cuts will require Corrine to cut five hours of EA time from next year's schedule. Corrine has been sorting out schedules for next year. Panther Passage this year was the best ever. Corrine thanked the volunteers who supported Panther Passage. Every 8<sup>th</sup> grader that was able to, went through Panther Passage. IMS is trying to create a DVD that will show some of the presentations so that kids who will go through the process in the future can see examples of presentations. Other middle schools are also interested to see what the presentations look like. Panther Passage gives the community a chance to see IMS kids and what they have learned. The recall process has begun for staff who were laid off. IMS will only lose one full time teacher for next year. Corrine explained the order in which the teachers are recalled.

**New Business:** Alison Meryweather moved that IM PTSA donate \$1000.00 to the Issaquah School District for its summer school program. Pam Ratcliffe seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion was defeated. Alison Meryweather moved that IM PTSA donate \$1000.00 to the IMS Scholarship Fund from line item 7000-01. Pam Ratcliffe seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed. Nanda Mehta mentioned that there is leftover cookie dough from Friday Cookie Sales. There was discussion about what to do with extra dough.

**Legislation:** Alison Meryweather reported that just before the bill to redefine Basic Education was signed, legislators were told that the Governor was going to veto the early learning section of the bill. Bill sponsors were disappointed. The safety net for highly capable students was also vetoed. The Governor signed a bill that addressed what Counties can charge to manage the money collected by School Districts. This bill created a law that allows Counties to collect

their costs only. This will help Issaquah School District. SB 1776, to address levy issues, died, but may be taken up in the fall. This bill doesn't affect the levy scheduled for 2010. Alison will have more information in the fall.

**Site Council:** Debbie Sexton reported that the Site Council needs one Representative from the Clark attendance area. Alison Meryweather reported that an application is on its way.

**Committee Reports:** Dianne Bugge reported that Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> will be training for Walk About at 7:00pm in the Commons. Sandi Lum reported that the Special Ed. seminar on IEPs and 504s was well attended and successful.

**VP Reports:** Lisa Gaan asked for volunteers to bake desserts for the end of year luncheon. The luncheon begins at 11:00 am.

Alternative dates for registration are available; those dates will be posted on the doors at IMS after the scheduled dates are complete.

**Adjournment:** Susan Hegedus thanked the volunteers for helping all year. She mentioned that she has been at IMS for 8 years and that IMS is a great place for kids. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.