

Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35  
General Membership Meeting  
December 15, 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 Co-President Sally Brunette at 9:38am. Proper notice was given and a quorum was present. A sign in sheet is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:** Anne Moore moved that the minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting be accepted as amended. Dianne Bugge seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Kim Dreiblat presented the financial report. IM PTSA had income from Employee Giving of \$250.00. Microsoft processes these payments quarterly. Kim paid some teacher grants. Debbie Sexton will review the November bank statement.

**President's Report:** Sally Brunette referred members to information placed on the counter. Camille Vaska reported on the status of this year's goals:

Develop a stronger parent community: Language liaisons are in place for Spanish and Korean and the first documents are being translated and will be available in the office and on the Issaquah Middle School website.

The new middle school PTSA, Pacific Cascade Middle PTSA, will be formed in January. The PTSA Council is looking for two representatives to sit on a steering committee to put together the charter. Ideally the committee would consist of parents of students who will attend Pacific Cascade Middle School. Sunset Elementary and Grand Ridge elementary (except Overdale) will attend Pacific Cascade Middle School.

The Nominating Committee needs to be created. The Committee meets a few times and includes a two hour training provided by PTSA Council. IM PTSA needs three or more people. Members who served last year can't serve this year. The Committee will meet January through March and will present the slate at the April PTSA meeting. Heidi Klansnic and Alison Meryweather volunteered; they will recruit a third member. Sally thanked Bert Jones for her work on the directory and Deanna Tally for her work on Logowear. Logowear was distributed two weeks ago. Sally thanked Tonya Wilson for chairing Reflections. Thirty students participated in Reflections. The Reflections reception will be January 6<sup>th</sup> at Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus. IMS generated 12 finalists.

Sally and Camille Vaska reminded members to provide feedback about community values for PTSA Council to take forward to the coming labor negotiations. Council will put together a White Paper and give it to the District. The responses already received vary in their input. There is still time to give Sally feedback.

**Principal's Report:** Corrine DeRosa thanked all volunteers who helped deliver gifts for the ASB sponsored Adopt a Child program, 28 kids were adopted. The Webmaster is making these changes to IMS website: 1) The Daily Morning Quah announcements are now on the website; 2) a new search function is available; 3) a Frequently Asked Questions section (FAQ) is being developed; and 4) the calendars will be consolidated. Pat Randall, Issaquah Middle School Bookkeeper discussed the ASB budget. She handed out the ASB budget (attached to original of minutes). The kids create the budget. The Magazine Drive generates about \$50,000. The savings account generates interest and ASB cards generate income.

**New Business:** Sally and Camille polled members regarding having Corrine talk at a PTSA meeting about drug use at IMS. The general feedback was that this topic would be covered by the Parent Education program, "What Teens Are Really Doing Today", which will be conducted in 2010.

Sally and Camille met with volunteers, Issaquah Middle School Counselors, and Corrine DeRosa regarding the Angel Program, which currently runs at Issaquah Valley Elementary (IVE). They discussed bringing the program to IMS.

Corrine and the Counselors have talked about the framework of the program for IMS. The PTSA needs a volunteer to work with Corrine and the Counselors on the details of the program and manage the program. Corrine discussed her vision for the program at IMS. IM PTSA will put a new position on the organization chart.

**Legislation:** Alison Meryweather reported that the Olympia Coalition met with the legislators who represent families located in the IMS attendance area. Four legislators attended; Senator Rodney Tom, Representative Marcie Maxwell, Representative Glen Anderson, and Representative Ross Hunter. There is a potential budget reduction for Issaquah School District (ISD) next year. Class sizes may go up. Passing the levies has become increasingly important. The Coalition is continuing to lobby for a lift to the levy lid.

**VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools):** Anne Moore reported that the campaign needs volunteers to call identified voters to remind them to mail their ballots. The calling is easy, but very important. The calling will be Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in the evening, VIS needs 20 people from the IMS community. Volunteers are needed for “honk and wave” on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> during commute times, morning and evening. A postcard will be sent to IMS families to encourage a “yes” vote and to explain what the levies will fund.

**Site Council:** Debbie Sexton reported that Site Council has a new member, Lisa White, from the Clark attendance area. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team reported that they want to change the promotion ceremony. The team wants to de-formalize the event, include all 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and move the ceremony to the Gym from the Community Center. Comments should be directed to Anne Swiftney or Corrine DeRosa. Teachers have been receiving an increasing amount of unkind emails from parents. Contractually, teachers have 72 hours to respond to emails. Site Council would like to remind parents to send civil emails to resolve problems. Debbie asked if a chair had been found for Family Fun Night. One has not been found. The Math Department is thinking about conducting a Parent Education night to communicate about online resources. This year’s All School Math will be all multiple choice questions. Panther Passage will be conducted earlier this year, April 19<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee and VP Reports:** Patty Flynn reported that the District Wide Special Needs Group is meeting Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at Clark Elementary School in the library. IM PTSA membership is at 692. There will be a drawing for a Barnes and Noble gift card among IMS staff who have joined the PTSA. The office needs more directories. The Staff holiday breakfast is tomorrow. Dianne Bugge reported that volunteers should send schedule changes for Walk About to the Walk About [email address](#). Dianne passed around the flier for the Parent Education presentation, “What Teens Are Really Doing”. The presentation will be January 12<sup>th</sup> at Issaquah High School. The presentation will also be available at Liberty High School and Skyline High School, check the ISD website under Parent Ed. A Transition Seminar will be conducted at the Issaquah School District building in the spring. Camille shared a thank you note from the Drama Club.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:22am.