

Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35
General Membership Meeting
October 20, 2009
Issaquah Police Station, Eagle Room
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 Co-President Sally Brunette at 9:35 am. 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 September 15, 2009 meeting be accepted as submitted. Dianne Bugge seconded the motion, the motion passed.

President's Report: Camille updated the members regarding IM PTSA's goals. Last week IM PTSA had the first Newcomers Coffee. There were 6 guests. Camille would like feedback from members who attended the coffee. The Language Liaison program is being developed; it will focus on Spanish and Korean. Issaquah High School Spanish Club students will translate documents. Sandi Lum is looking for a Korean translator. The translators will develop one page information sheets to connect non-English speaking families to IMS and to other services that are available. For the Stronger Parent Community goal, Camille is looking for a volunteer to do the planning for an event to be held next year. This volunteer would do research and create the idea for a family involvement event which would be held next year. This volunteer would not have to chair the event. Camille asked for input from members for the Supporting Academic Performance goal.

Issaquah School District Levies and Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS) Presentations: Anne Moore introduced Jake Kuper and Alison Meryweather. Jake is Chief of Finance and Operations for the Issaquah School District. Jake presented information regarding the levies. There are three levies that will appear on the February ballot, a Maintenance and Operations Levy to support classroom learning, a School Bus Levy to provide buses, and a Capital Levy to provide classroom technology and critical repairs. For more information, go to www.issaquah.wednet.edu. Alison Meryweather is the Co-chair of Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS). VIS is a non-profit group that is running the campaign to advocate the passage of these levies. 65% of residents in the District do not have children in schools in the District. VIS will work to reach those residents to promote the levies. 50% of parents in the District are not registered to vote. Of **registered voters**, only 35% voted in the last election. For more information go to www.visvote.org. Anne Moore moved that the PTSA endorse the three levy measures for the February 2010 election. Blair Baumer seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed. Anne Moore passed a sign up sheet to endorse the levy measures and envelopes to donate to VIS.

Financial Report: Kim Dreiblat presented the September financial report. Bert Jones asked about the Directory budget. It was increased from last year. Expenses in September were for charitable donations and the Scholarship Fund. Income came from Corporate Rebates of \$539.63 from Matthews Thriftway. The PTSA is almost to budget on Gift A Book and Logowear. Salmon Days parking receipts should be above last year. The PTSA has \$40,000 in cash.

Principal's Report: Corrine DeRosa reported that Vision and Hearing screening is going on now. Volunteers are needed from 12:30-3:30pm this Thursday to finish grading the All School Write. Corrine will do an "All Call" to ask for volunteers. Picture retakes are this Thursday. The Junior Achievement financial field trip for 8th graders went great. There is currently a high rate of absence at school due to illness. If your child is absent and needs extra time to make up the work, they should contact their teachers.

New Business: Fliers and information sheets were available on the counter in the meeting room. Sally Brunette introduced a funds request for an art magazine. Blair Baumer moved to approve the request in the amount of \$231.57 for the art magazine. Dianne Bugge seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sally introduced the second request from the Counselors for funding for a Parent Education newsletter. Dianne Bugge moved to approve the request for the Parent Education newsletter in the amount of \$209.81. Shari Koppel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Legislation: Alison Meryweather asked the membership if the PTSA would like to endorse a no vote on 1033. Alison explained the initiative to the members. For more information see the pro and con websites,

www.permanentoffense.org and www.no1033.com. Anne Moore moved that the IM PTSA endorse a no vote on Initiative 1033. Blair Baumer seconded the motion. The motion passed. Alison reported that Legislative Assembly took place. Art and music education and additional funding for highly capable students were added to the platform.

Site Council: Debbie Sexton reported that Site Council met on September 28th. Corrine talked about the WASL results at that meeting. Sally Brunette and Camille Vaska will add this topic to the December General Meeting agenda.

Committee Reports: Shari Koppel reported that ASB has been very busy and the magazine drive raised \$100,000, which beat the goal. The ASB and the WEB program worked together on a scavenger hunt for 6th graders. 30 % of 6th graders attended. The next event will be January 31st. The week of 9th-13th of November ASB will be recognizing Veterans in celebration of Veterans Day. December 4th will be an all school dance. This week there is a food drive; students should bring non perishable items to their homeroom class. There is a contest between genders. The food will go to the Issaquah Food Bank. Sally Brunette reported that Susan McDonald, Parent Ed. Chair, has asked for requests of topics for a Parent Ed. seminar. Bert Jones reported that she is working on the directory. Pam Nordquist reported that PTSA has 681 members. Pam will do a thank you at the end of the year for staff who join. Blair Baumer reported that Salmon Days parking raised \$4400. Elizabeth Mabsen reported that Box Tops for Education is in place and that Matthews Thriftway is switching to a new rebate program. Elizabeth will research about the new program. Blair Baumer reported that Pass the Hat Blair raised \$14,348, \$3100 under budget. Sandi Lum reported that Reflections needs judges in film and literature and will need additional volunteers for the event. Applications for Reflections are in the school office. The theme is "Beauty Is". October 30th is the cutoff to enter. Blair Baumer reported that Logowear sold less than last year. Logowear Chair Deanna Talley extended the order cut off date by two weeks and got 50 additional orders. That will delay delivery by two weeks. Sandi Lum reported that 70 families have participated in Gift A Book. Sandi reported that there is a Special Ed. Community Resources binder available in the IMS Library in the family resource room on right.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.