

Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35
General Membership Meeting
January 19, 2010
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 Camille Vaska at 9:33am. 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: Kim Dreiblatt moved that the minutes of the December 15, 2009 meeting be approved as amended. Dianne Bugge seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Financial Report: Kim Dreiblatt presented the financial report. The November and December bank statements were reviewed by Debbie Sexton. This month's activity included the first eScrip deposit of \$9.69 under corporate rebates. The PTSA expenses included: Logowear, directory, teacher grants, library, and administrative costs.

President's Report: Camille Vaska reported that the agenda now reflects time guidelines. Discussion items raised by members, but not on agenda, will be listed by the Co-Presidents and discussed at the end of the meeting. The Language Liaison program has completed the first handout in Korean. It will be available in the office. The ASB teacher is working with Camille and Sally on Community Fun Night. Family Fun Night will be modeled on a program currently held successfully at Beaver Lake. Camille and Sally will try to schedule the event for October. The Angel Program will be chaired by Laurie Foreman. Laurie will meet with the IVE Angel Program chair. The boundary changes will take IMS enrollment from 958 to 715. Camille thanked Anne Moore for organizing the phone calling in support of the upcoming levies. Camille introduced Elaine Sakamoto, chair of Golden Acorn/Outstanding Educator Awards.

Principal's Report: Corrine DeRosa reported that ASB is doing a fundraiser for Haiti. ASB is asking each student to donate a dollar. The entire math team will be working on the MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) and learning about the content of this test so they can align teaching appropriately. The 7th graders are going on a field trip to The Village Theater to see "Lost in Yonkers" during the same week as make-up days for Stanford testing. Registration has begun so Corrine can identify staffing needs for next year. Member should watch E-News for the dates of Parent Nights for 5th and 9th graders. The Tech Proficiency test is full. The Geography Bee is this Thursday evening.

New Business: Heidi Klansnic moved that IM PTSA endorse Heather Gillette for Region 2 PTA Director. Anne Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed. Anne Moore moved that IM PTSA endorse the Excellent Schools Now state coalition and its efforts to pursue federal Race to the Top funding. Lisa Sacia seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Legislation: Sally Brunette reported for Alison Meryweather that Focus Day was a huge success with over 700 in attendance. New bills have been introduced and Alison will report on them as they go through the legislative process. Alison is attending a hearing tomorrow and she attended a hearing Monday on Race To the Top. There is a lot of preliminary action on this issue. Anne Moore reported that Stand For Children did a statewide survey regarding Race to the Top goals. Both teachers and the public were in favor of international standards.

VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools): Anne Moore thanked volunteers, including teachers and principals, who made calls to voters in support of the levies. Ballots should arrive this week. Anne passed a sign up sheet for "Honk and Wave" this Friday and Monday February 8th during the morning and evening commute hours.

Site Council: Debbie Sexton reported that Site Council didn't meet in December. Members should let Debbie know if they want her to raise any issues at the next Site Council meeting.

Committee and VP Reports: Hospitality: Lisa Sacia reported that the holiday staff breakfast was great. 5th Grade Open House is coming up.

Parent Education: Susan McDonald asked members to look at the Parent Ed. web page. The seminar “What are Teens Really Doing” was held last week at IHS. IMS is hosting a 5th grade transition program in April and Dr. Laura Kastner on May 17th. Dr. Kastner lectures on the teenage brain. Her new book is “Getting to Calm”.

Communications: Jackie Carr reported that ASB is collecting money for Haiti relief and has a WEBtivity this week. Lip Synch in February needs more volunteers.

Ways & Means: Sally Brunette reported that a small final check came from Matthews Thriftway. She encouraged members to sign up for eScrip. \$130.00 was collected from Box Tops for Education.

Special Education: Sandi Lum reported there is a new Special Education Parent program from ISD, Parent Connections. The meetings will be held at different schools around the district. The next one is January 21st at the Issaquah High School library. Marilyn Holm will talk about problem solving and parent concerns. January 26th the meeting will be at Sunset. The Issaquah Special Needs Group will hold its next meeting February 9th at IMS.

Membership: Pam Nordquist reported IM PTSA currently has 692 members and memberships continue to come in. Volunteers: Shannon Jasman and Heidi Klansnic asked for Lip Synch volunteers.

Programs: Sandi Lum reported that the District Reflections reception was held January 6th. Six finalists from IMS will move forward. Next year’s theme is “Together We Can”. Panther Passage is April 19-May 5 this year.

Golden Acorn: Elaine Sakamoto is taking nominations for Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator. Outstanding Educator can be bus driver, janitors, and other staff members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.