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Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35
General Membership Meeting
February 23, 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 Sally Brunette at 9:40am. 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: Jackie Carr moved that the minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting be approved as submitted. Alison Meryweather seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Financial Report: Sally Brunette presented the financial report. The January bank statement was reviewed by Blair Baumer. This month's activity included income from Boeing Matching Grants, Boxtops for Education, and eScrip. PTSA expenses included: the directory, the light board, teacher grants, and library. Committee chairs and V.P.'s need to send Kim budget input for their committees so she can create the budget for next year.

President's Report: Sally Brunette thanked Alison Meryweather for her work on the levies. All the levies passed. Sally thanked Anne Moore for her efforts with VIS. Sally thanked all the volunteers who participated in the honk and wave events. Elaine Sakamoto was thanked for chairing Golden Acorn and Outstanding Educator, and April Green for 5th Grade Open House.

The steering committee for Pacific Cascade Middle PTSA includes Margaret Chalfont and Jackie Carr from IMS. The committee will establish a charter for The Pacific Cascade Middle PTSA.

There will be 20 new families joining IMS in the fall. The PTSA will send a special mailing to those families to invite them to the Newcomers Coffee in the fall. Sally reminded the members that Panther Passage is April 19-May 5th this year. The Panther Passage website should be done this week and volunteers can sign up there. There will be a link on the IMS website and the PTSA website.

Principal's Report: Corrine DeRosa reported that 8th grade promotion will be June 16th at 1:00pm in gym, and then the kids will go on a cruise. The staff is still in the planning process. Corrine explained the District's policy on drugs and alcohol, which can be found in the handbook.

New Business: Camille Vaska introduced Elaine Sakamoto. Elaine recognized Sandi Lum and Blair Baumer as her committee members. Camille announced Kim Dreiblatt as a Golden Acorn recipient. Sandi announced Sally Brunette as a Golden Acorn recipient.

The PTSA is looking for a budget committee. Alison Meryweather volunteered. Kim Dreiblatt and Camille Vaska are on the committee. The first meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 2nd.

Corrine DeRosa discussed the WEB program. An explanation of the program is on the IMS website. 8th graders are mentors to 6th graders. Additionally, new students are offered mentoring. WEB leaders must attend training in August.

Legislation: Alison Meryweather reported that the Legislature will be unveiling their budgets today. Education bills in the legislature include HB2776, which has passed out of the House and will move to the Senate and SB6696, The Race to the Top Plan, which has passed out of the Senate and is in the House for review today. The lawsuit regarding education funding was decided in favor of the plaintiffs. The Judge stated in his decision that the State of Washington is not adequately funding education in violation of the State Constitution.

VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools): Anne Moore reported that the levies passed and thanked all the volunteers who contributed to the victory.

Site Council: Debbie Sexton reported that Site Council met January 25th. Discussion included how to help the group of kids moving to PCMS with the transition. The ISEP (Issaquah Skills Enhancement Program) is moving from IMS to PCMS and Maywood's LRC 2 students will be coming to IMS.

Committee and VP Reports:

Parent Education: Susan McDonald contacted the Counselors regarding a book club related to the Parent Ed. training on May 15th. Susan is gathering information.

Walkabout: Dianne Bugge reported that the new schedule for Walkabout is being created and volunteers should send schedule changes to the Walkabout email address. Kari Alexander has volunteered to be Walkabout Co-Chair, responsible for scheduling.

Reflections: Sandi Lum reported that Madison Bristol will be going on to Nationals in the dance choreography category.

Special Education: Sandi Lum reported the next Issaquah Special Needs Support group seminar is March 9th at Clark Elementary in the multipurpose room at 7:00pm.

Volunteers: Heidi Klansnic asked for table captains for the ISF luncheon. There will be a March 18th kickoff party for table captains from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the School District Administration Building.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.