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Issaquah Middle PTSA 2.6.35  
General Membership Meeting  
March 16, 2010  
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 Camille Vaska at 9:37 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:** Dianne Bugge moved that the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting be approved as submitted. Anne Moore seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Kim Dreiblatt presented the financial report. The February bank statement was reviewed by Debbie Sexton. This month's activity included income from the Microsoft Giving Program and Pass the Hat matching funds. PTSA expenses included Salmon Days expenses and VIS mailing costs.

**Angel Program:** Anne Watanabe and Laurie Foreman introduced the program. The Angel Program is an outreach program for IMS students who need school supplies and clothing. The program will match eligible kids with an anonymous donor who will give a gift card for the student's family to use to meet some basic needs which will help the kids succeed at school. A brochure will go home with opening day packets. Laurie and Anne are running a pilot program this spring. Cash donations can be made to IM PTSA with a notation that the donation is for the Angel Program.

**President's Report:** Camille Vaska reported that the Spanish and Korean versions of two school information sheets have been created by the Language Liaison Committee, and are available in the IMS office. Camille attended Beaver Lake's Bingo Night. IM PTSA is looking for a chair person for IMS's Community Fun Night. The event will be Oct 15, 2010. Elaine Sakamoto handed out the certificates and pins to this year's Golden Acorn winners, Kim Dreiblatt and Sally Brunette. PCMS is trying to fill their PTSA board. If members have suggestions, email them to Sally Brunette or Camille Vaska. Washington State PTA Convention is April 30 through May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Principal's Report:** Corrine DeRosa reported that today is "Snuggie Day" at IMS as a part of March Madness Week. Tomorrow is Twin Day. The existing portables at IMS will stay next year but they will be empty except for one that will be used for ISF. It is very expensive to move portables so the district will not move them until they are needed at a new location. April 20<sup>th</sup> IMS will conduct a math practice test. There will be an All School Write on Friday, which is a half day for kids and the end of the trimester. IMS needs a lot of volunteers to score the All School Write. The IMS website lists the dates and has the paperwork to sign up. This Wednesday is an early release day, not a late start. Internet safety assemblies were held last week. Stephanie Thomas from the Seattle Police Department was the speaker. At the teacher team leader meeting yesterday, teachers asked Corrine to let parents know that kids are coming to school with packs of gum and Pixie Sticks. Gum is not allowed at IMS. The Administration is seeing a lot of dress code violations and hugging at school. No hugging is allowed at school.

**New Business:** Kim Dreiblatt presented a draft budget for members to review. Key notes are that line items tied to number of students were decreased due to the upcoming reduction in population, and the certificated staff grant amount was increased from \$125.00 to \$150.00 to help with larger classes. Members should give feedback to Kim.

**Legislation:** Alison Meryweather reported that the Race to the Top bill was passed. House Bill 2776, the Education Reform bill passed. The budget hasn't been created so the impact of the new budget is unknown.

**ISF (Issaquah Schools Foundation):** Kristen Allen-Bentsen reported that the Nourish Every Mind Luncheon will be at the Community Center Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00pm. There is a \$150 donation suggested, but not required.

**Site Council:** Debbie Sexton reported that there wasn't a formal meeting in February.

**VIS:** PTSA Council presented Anne Moore a key chain for chairing VIS.

**Committee and VP Reports:** Sally Brunette did an inventory of supplies of napkins and cups in the “hole in the wall”, members should use those supplies before buying more. Parent Ed.: Susan McDonald reported that there will be a Parent Ed seminar on internet safety at Maywood, a transition seminar, and a seminar by Jan Faull. All Parent Ed. seminar information is available at [www.issaquahptsa.org](http://www.issaquahptsa.org). The April IM PTSA meeting will be the 20<sup>th</sup> at IMS at 7:00pm. \*(This meeting has subsequently been changed to April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am at the Eastside Fire & Rescue Station at 175 Newport Way NW, Issaquah) Special Services: Sandi Lum reported that the District is holding a parent information night about the Academy for Community Transition (ACT) program, the post high school program for kids with learning disabilities. The seminar will be at the District office, Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. PTSA membership is 693. Debbie Shiozaki discussed Panther Passage.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:04am.