

ISSAQUAH  PTSA COUNCIL

*Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community*

**2.6**

February 8, 2018

# President's Report

## Becky Gordon & Leslie Kahler

- ▶ Thank you!
  - ▶ Heidi Fuhs and the Parentwiser Committee for the Angst presentations
  - ▶ Ina Ghangurde for the Nominating Committee Training: certificates are in your file
- ▶ Welcome Katie Moeller who is joining Andie Adee with Influence the Choice (Healthy Youth)
- ▶ Becky Gordon has returned to work earlier than she expected, She will continue as co-president until the end of her term. She will also continue to come to the membership meetings and is always available through email. Unfortunately today she had to attend a training.
  
- ▶ New password to the Leadership Guides
  - ▶ Username: Every Password: Child

# Open Council Positions

- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Co-Reflections

# Consent Agenda

I move we accept the consent agenda as presented  
(items can be removed for discussion or amended)

- ▶ January 11, 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes
- ▶ January 2018 Treasurer's Report
  
- ▶ No claims were filed on our insurance policy during this period

All documents are posted on the Meeting Documents page



# Secretary @issaquahptsa.org

Erin Thacker

- ▶ Council attendance will be emailed to presidents after the today's meeting
- ▶ Don't forget to check your Handout Folder!

# Treasurer @issaquahpts.org

Erin Eaton

- ▶ Insurance: Must have Issaquah School District listed as a certificate holder on the certificate

# Council Business

- ▶ Financial Review Report
  - ▶ Laila Collins, Korista Smith-Barney, and Wendy Shah

# Notecard Questions???

- ▶ At this time questions submitted will be discussed
- ▶ Vice Presidents:
  - ▶ What is your biggest challenge right now?

# Best Practices

## Open

- ▶ Ina Ghangurde
- ▶ Awards Due: March 1
  - ▶ Standards of Excellence
  - ▶ 100% Membership and 100% Teacher Membership
  - ▶ Leadership Academy
- ▶ “Men’s Making a Difference” student essay contest
  - ▶ Due: March 1
- ▶ Transition Handout

# Membership

## Open

- ▶ Report
- ▶ Time for your Spring Campaign (Jan - Feb)
- ▶ Automatic membership awards will continue through the end of the year
  - ▶ Silver - 5% increase in membership over last year
  - ▶ Gold - 10% increase in membership over last year
  - ▶ Platinum - 20% increase in membership over last year

# Advocacy

## Open



- ▶ Got 2 minutes? Reply to a VOTER VOICE Action Alert. Sign up [here](#).
- ▶ Got 5 minutes? Find names of the legislators who represent your school district and call the Legislative Hotline to leave them a message: **1-800-562-6000**
- ▶ Got 10 minutes? Download, print, and mail a [postcard](#) to your legislators.
- ▶ Follow Washington State PTA on [Facebook](#), and check the [WSPTA Blog](#) to get weekly updates on WSPTA priorities and bills

# Golden Acorn/Advocate Awards

Council Committee: Cindy Kelm, Heidi Fuhs  
& Korista Smith-Barney

▶ Council Golden Acorn, Advocate & Service Awards

- ▶ *Submit nominations online by Mon, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> midnight*  
<http://issaquahptsa.org/council-awards>

*(Past council recipients are also available via webpage above)*

- ▶ Take 2 minutes - click above to nominate NOW!
- ▶ Council Award winners announced at Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Council Mtg
- ▶ District-wide PTA/PTSA Awards Reception:

***April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-8pm, at IMS***

*(This reception honors ALL Golden Acorn & Outstanding Advocate/Service award winners from all schools in the Issaquah School District)*



# Nominating Committee

Laila Collins, Wendy Shah, Valerie Yanni,  
& Laurelle Graves

- ▶ Update
- ▶ Call for Nominations

# Standing Committees

- ▶ Art in the Schools - Artist support
- ▶ Family and Community Engagement (FACE)
- ▶ Healthy Youth Initiative/Influence the Choice
- ▶ Issaquah Schools Foundation
- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Parentwiser
- ▶ Reflections
- ▶ Special Education
- ▶ Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS)
- ▶ Webmaster

# Webmaster @issaquahptsa.org

## Cindy Kelm

- ▶ WSPTA Enrichment Guidelines posted on Issaquah PTSA Council Website on the Meetings Documents page
  - ▶ <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/gm-meeting-documents-2017-2018>

# Outreach

Chair Kim Weiss [outreach@issaquahptsa.org](mailto:outreach@issaquahptsa.org)

- ▶ Lunch For The Break [www.lunchforthebreak.com](http://www.lunchforthebreak.com)
  - ▶ Donor Drop Off: Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>
    - ▶ Register your donation to assist with planning
  - ▶ Family Pick Up: Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ▶ Three ways to donate now
    - ▶ 1. Donate a box of food that you have packed
    - ▶ 2. Donate funds to the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank
    - ▶ 3. New ! Online purchase of a box of food that will be delivered to LFTB locations.
  
- ▶ HopeFest 2018 - find them on Facebook
  - ▶ March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018, Bellevue Highland Community Center
  - ▶ Serving 8 Eastside cities including Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and Sammamish, more than 1,000 people
  - ▶ Participants must have a ticket. Refer to IFCB for tickets
  - ▶ DONATIONS needed ! Plan to bring to event

# ART IN THE SCHOOLS

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ISF - ARTISTIC SUPPORT LESSONS LIVE!!

<http://isfdn.org/art-docent-lessons/>

Many art lessons and support pages now available for docent use. Detailed instructions with numerous photos for each lesson. Additional artistic support topic pages now active. More coming soon!

**PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR DOCENTS!!!**

NEEDLE FELTING - Art Docent Class

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 - 2:30

Art East Classroom

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A49AEA72BA13-felting1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A49AEA72BA13-felting1)

**\$1,000 DOLLAR  
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//// **6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL** //// **INFLUENCE THE CHOICE** //// **HIGH SCHOOL** ////

# VIDEO CONTEST!

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## WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

Win cash prizes! To celebrate the contest's 6th year, THREE submissions in 3 different categories will be awarded with cash prizes. Your entry would also be eligible to win the \$1,000 grand prize.

Get your video shown throughout the Issaquah School District - in schools and in the community!

Get your friends together- hanging out doing something creative is always a good time!

Winners will be invited to a "red carpet" Awards Ceremony for family and friends in the Spring.

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION:

Videos can only be 2 minutes or less! If it's more, they will be disqualified so edit away!

Use a "Positive Norm" statistic or approach and get extra points!

Instead of saying that 3/10 Issaquah students have experimented with marijuana, say that 7/10 students chose to stay drug free.

**VIDEOS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 13TH, 2018**

**THE HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST IS OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12**

For information about contest categories and rules, to obtain required registration materials, or to learn more about Influence the Choice - Drug Prevention Alliance for Youth, visit [www.influencethechoice.org](http://www.influencethechoice.org)





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drug prevention alliance for youth  
**influence the choice**

## PARENT ONLY EVENT



Would you see the signs of youth alcohol or drug use in your home?

# HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Looks can be very deceiving – especially if you don't know what to look for.

Come to a “Hidden in Plain Sight” exhibit and learn what to look for and what to do if you do find something.

The “Hidden In Plain Sight” initiative helps parents spot signs of at-risk behaviors, using an interactive display of a teenager’s bedroom. After walking through the display, participants will learn more about adolescent development and common signs of substance use provided by professionals in treatment, law enforcement, substance abuse prevention and other parents.

This exhibit educates and empower parents to communicate with their children about at-risk behavior that could lead to substance use disorders. A strong parent-teen relationship is the most effective tool to prevent youth substance use.

Monday **March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Issaquah High School**

700 2nd Avenue Southeast, Issaquah

**6:30-8:30pm**

Monday **April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Central Washington University**

120 228th Avenue Northeast, Sammamish

**6:30-8:30pm**

Register at: [ParentWiser.org/events](http://ParentWiser.org/events)





TWO PRIZES VALUED AT \$300 EACH

# STATE OF MIND

## *5th Annual*

**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**FREE** with registration



Join us for a discussion on **MENTAL HEALTH** and **SUBSTANCE ABUSE** challenges facing community youth.

**Workshops available for Teens AND Adults.**

**GUEST SPEAKERS,  
GIVEAWAYS,  
QDOBA CATERING**

**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 3 AND 24TH,**  
Gibson Ek High  
School

**11:00 - 4:00 PM**  
Check-in starts at  
10:30!

SPONSORED BY:



ORGANIZED BY:



Register at [www.healthyyouthinitiative.org](http://www.healthyyouthinitiative.org)

# ParentWiser - parent education in Issaquah schools

Co-Chairs: Heidi Fuhs & Debbie Steinberg Kuntz

Contact: [parentwiser@issaquahpts.org](mailto:parentwiser@issaquahpts.org)

- ▶ Register for all upcoming events at <http://ParentWiser.org>
- ▶ *Newly added:*
  - ▶ ***Hidden in Plain Sight*** - learn to spot signs of youth substance use
    - ▶ March 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm at Issaquah High School
    - ▶ April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm at CWU in Sammamish
- ▶ **Spring keynote speaker: Dr. Laura Markham**
  - ▶ **Bestselling author & founder of Aha! Parenting**
  - ▶ **Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids** - May 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm at Skyline HS
  - ▶ **Peaceful Parent, Happy Siblings** - May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am at Village Theater



# Parent Training Opportunities

The Issaquah School District Special Services Department and The Arc of King County have partnered to offer three FREE training sessions open to parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers of students with special needs.

**Special Education 101: Introduction to Laws, the Special Ed Process, and parent and student rights**

October 23, 2017 6:30-8pm at Maywood Middle School

**Participating in IEP Meetings: Strategies for effective collaboration with IEP Team**

December 4, 2017 6:30-8pm at Issaquah Middle School

**Community Resources: DDA services, respite care, behavior support, and more!**

February 15, 2018 6:30-8pm at Pacific Cascade Middle School



# District Updates

- ▶ Ron Thiele, Superintendent
- ▶ Doug Jones, President IEA

# Upcoming Events

- ▶ February 12: Ballots are due!
- ▶ Feb. 15: ISD/ARC presentation on Community Resources
  - ▶ 6:30 pm at PCMS

# New Business

**Adjourn**  
**Optional Q & A session**

# Questions?

## ▶ Elementary Schools

- ▶ South: Korista Smith-Barney      [vp-el-south@ issaquahptsa.org](mailto:vp-el-south@issaquahptsa.org)
  - ❖ Apollo, Briarwood, Maple Hills, Newcastle
- ▶ Central: Wendy Shah      [vp-el-central@ issaquahptsa.org](mailto:vp-el-central@ issaquahptsa.org)
  - ❖ Clark, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, IVE, Sunset
- ▶ North: Ina Ghangurde      [vp-el-north@ issaquahptsa.org](mailto:vp-el-north@ issaquahptsa.org)
  - ❖ Cascade Ridge, Challenger, Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunny Hills

▶ Middle Schools: Laila Collins      [vp-middle@issaquahptsa.org](mailto:vp-middle@issaquahptsa.org)

▶ High Schools: Ina Ghangurde      [vp-high@issaquahptsa.org](mailto:vp-high@issaquahptsa.org)

# Additional Contacts

## ▶ Issaquah PTSA Council

- ▶ Council Presidents
  - ▶ Becky Gordon & Leslie Kahler
- ▶ Secretary: Erin Thacker
- ▶ Treasurer: Erin Eaton
- ▶ Membership: Open

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**The Issaquah PTSA Council is Here to  
Support You in Everything You Do**

***Thank You for Your Service to the Families and  
Students in the Issaquah School District!***