

Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community

2.6

March 8, 2018

## President's Report

## Becky Gordon & Leslie Kahler

► Thank you!

- New password to the Leadership Guides
  - ▶ Username: Every Password: Child

## Open Council Positions

- Membership
- Advocacy
- Co-Reflections



Thank you Issaquah School District families and community members for supporting and voting in the February 2018 Special Election!

Thank you!



Thank you to all of our PTAs for helping share all the information, answer questions, Honk & Waves, and for hosting Levy Speakers at Your Membership & Board Meetings!

Thank you also for your financial support - your donations and keeping VIS as a line item on your PTA budget makes it possible for Volunteers for Issaquah Schools to have the funds needed to advocate for a yes vote for bonds and levies in our Community!

#### February 13th Election Results Certified Friday, February 23, 2018

EP&O Levy - Yes 51.27%

Capital Levy - Yes 54.15%

Bus Levy - Yes 57.31%

- HONK AND WAVE SIGNS: Please bring them to the council meeting and we will take them to store for use again!
- **METAL SIGN STAKES** (used with yard signs), please bring them to the Council Meeting Thursday 3/8 and we will store them to reuse.
- Capital Projects website for school construction updates: https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/CapProjects

## Consent Agenda

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

- ► February 8, 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes
- ► February 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

## Treasurer @issaquahptsa.org Erin Eaton

## Notecard Questions???

- At this time questions submitted will be discussed
- ► Vice Presidents: Who is using credit card readers and which ones?

## **Council Award Presentation**

Committee: Cindy Kelm, Heidi Fuhs, and Korista Smith-Barney

### Golden Acorn Reception

Please pick up paper invitations during the March general meeting.

6 invitations provided per school. More available upon request.

PDF version of invitation attached to agenda documents

Hand deliver to award recipients and to your principal

**Questions?** 

Email: laurellegraves@gmail.com

#### YOU ARE INVITED

Dessert Reception Tuesday April 3rd, 2018 6:30 to 7:30 pm

To celebrate the 2018 Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate Award Recipients



Issaquah Middle School Commons 600 2nd Avenue Southeast Issaquah, WA 98027

A reception honoring exceptional volunteers for their continued, dedicated leadership and service!



### **Best Practices**

- Nominating Committee completes search for next year's board
  - ▶ Proposed slate of officers must be publicly posted 15 days prior to the membership meeting election of your 2017-2018 board.
  - Nominees must be PTA members for at least 15 days preceding their election.
  - ▶ If you are not able to fill a position with a qualified candidate, post it as OPEN on your slate.
- Survey membership to identify priorities for the coming year
  - This will help you plan your budget for next year, and give you time to discuss/implement changes suggested by your membership.
- Treasurer recruits a budget committee to draft next year's budget
  - ► Have the committee approved by the board, unless you have a pre-designated committee (for example, some PTAs use their Executive Board).
- Make plans to attend WSPTA Convention
  - May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton in Vancouver, WA. Registration opens March 28<sup>th</sup> online at wastatepta.org.
  - All elected officers are required to attend at least one WSPTA approved training annually. This is the BEST opportunity for board members to attend classes relevant to their positions, and be DONE! Woot!
  - At least one elected board member must attend PTA and the Law each year....available at Convention.
- Was your PTA Incorporated in March?
  - If so, then your annual Corporation Renewal is **due on 3/31**. The annual corporation report is due regardless of your PTA's annual income and is separate from the Charitable Organization Registration/ Renewal.

## Membership Open

- Report
- 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 <u>here</u>.
- ► 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 <u>postcard</u> to your legislators.
- Follow Washington State PTA on <u>Facebook</u>, and check the <u>WSPTA Blog</u> to get weekly updates on WSPTA priorities and bills

# 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

## Outreach

Chair Kim Weiss outreach@issaquahptsa.org

- ► Lunch For The Break <u>www.lunchforthebreak.com</u>
  - ▶ Thank you for donations for Feb break!
    - ▶ 384 boxes were distributed.
    - Monetary donations from December enabled purchase of packed boxes for donation gap.
  - April Break Dates
    - April 4th for Donation Drop Off
    - April 5th for Family Pick Up
- ► Friends of Youth 13th Annual Celebration of Youth Luncheon March 9, 2018 11:30-1:00pm, Hyatt Regency Bellevue
- ► Treehouse Champions for Foster Kids Luncheon March 15 11:30am - 1:00pm Sheraton Seattle
- Together Center's Annual Breakfast March 22, 2018 7:00am
   8:30am Hyatt Regency Bellevue
- ► YWCA Inspire Luncheon: May 15, 2018 Guest Speaker: ALFRE WOODARD, Oscar-nominated actor and activist, Washington State Convention Center

## ART IN THE SCHOOLS

ISF - ARTISTIC SUPPORT LESSONS LIVE!!

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



Drawing the Face - Art Docent Lesson

March 23rd, 12 - 2:30

Art East Classroom

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A49AEA72BA13-drawing1

Printmaking- Art Docent Lesson

March 28th, 6:30 - 9:00

Art East Classroom

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A49AEA72BA13-

<u>printmaking4</u>



 $^\prime$  6TH ANNUAL ////INFLUENCE THE CHOICE //// HIGH SCHOOL //

#### WHO ARE WE?

Influence the Choice- Drug Prevention Alliance for Youth is a local prevention group with a mission to prevent and reduce drug abuse among youth in the Issaquah School District. One of the main strategies the Alliance uses is called "Positive Community Norms". To learn more about Positive Community norms, visit: The Montana Institute (www. http://www.montanainstitute.com) or The Center for Health & Safety Culture (www.chsculture.org)

#### 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 togetherhanging 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







#### **WHO ARE WE?**

Influence the Choice- Drug Prevention Alliance for Youth is a local prevention group with a mission to prevent and reduce drug abuse among youth in the Issaquah School District. One of the main strategies the Alliance uses is called "Positive Community Norms". To learn more about Positive Community norms, visit: The Montana Institute (www. http://www.montanainstitute.com) or The Center for Health & Safety Culture (www.chsculture.org)

#### WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

Win cash prizes!

Get your video shown throughout the Issaquah School District - in schools and in the community! Get your friends togetherhanging 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 MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTEST IS OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 6-8

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







## 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>

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

Issaquah High School Central Washington University

120 228th Avenue Northeast, Sammamish

700 2nd Avenue Southeast, Issaquah
6:30-8:30pm

6:30-8:30<sup>pm</sup>

Register at: ParentWiser.org/events





















## ParentWiser - parent education in Issaquah schools

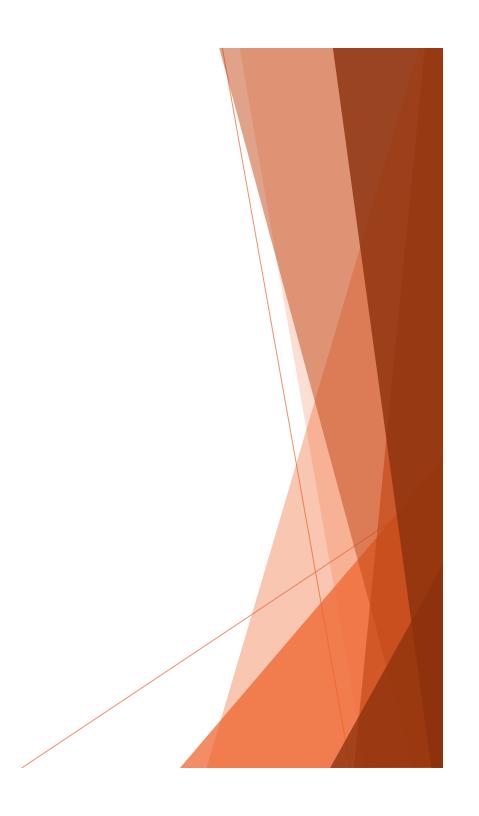
Co-Chairs: Heidi Fuhs & Debbie Steinberg Kuntz

Contact: <u>parentwiser@issaquahptsa.org</u>

- Register for upcoming events at <a href="http://ParentWiser.org">http://ParentWiser.org</a>, sponsored by Influence the Choice:
  - ► State of Mind Conferences March 3<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>
  - ► Hidden in Plain Sight March 12<sup>th</sup> or April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Parent Ed Rep Job Description (to help fill your slot)
  - Represent ParentWiser as your local school's PTSA contact/organizer
  - Inform your school community at PTSA GMM of any upcoming events on ParentWiser.org
  - Ensure ParentWiser communications are posted in your school/PTSA enews, Peachjar, website, calendars, Facebook, etc.
  - Volunteer for at least 1 ParentWiser event throughout the year (help with setup, checkin, etc)
  - Provide input to ParentWiser committee for your school's needs (via quarterly meeting, or email)
  - Host/organize additional/local parent ed speaker(s) at your school with support from ParentWiser

## **District Updates**

► Ron Thiele, Superintendent



## **New Business**

Adjourn
Optional Q & A session

## Questions?

- Elementary Schools
  - South: Korista Smith-Barney vp-el-south@ issaquahptsa.org
    - ❖ Apollo, Briarwood, Maple Hills, Newcastle
  - Central: Wendy Shah
    vp-el-central@ issaquahptsa.org
    - Clark, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, IVE, Sunset
  - ► North: Ina Ghangurde vp-el-north@ issaquahptsa.org
    - Cascade Ridge, Challenger, Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunny Hills
- Middle Schools: Laila Collins vp-middle@issaquahptsa.org
- High Schools: Ina Ghangurde vp-high@issaquahptsa.org

## **Additional Contacts**

Issaquah PTSA Council

Council Presidents

Becky Gordon & Leslie Kahler

Secretary: Erin Thacker

▶ Treasurer: Erin Eaton

Membership: Open

President@lssaquahptsa.org

Secretary@issaquahPTSA.org

<u>Treasurer@issaguahptsa.org</u>

Membership@issaquahptsa.org

#### Washington State PTA

► Region 2 Director: Mindi Lincicome

Area B Director: Jane Dulski

President: Michelle Nims

Executive Director: Kathryn Hobbs

Staff: Amanda Starr-Smith Tatia Vasbinder PTAreg2@WAstatePTA.org

AreaBvp@WAstatePTA.org

PTApres@WAstatePTA.org

khobbs@WAstatePTA.org

Support@WAstatePTA.org

### The Issaquah PTSA Council is Here to <u>Support</u> You in Everything You Do

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