

**General Membership Meeting**

Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6

03/14/2019 9:45 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order 9:46 a.m. 28 people signed in. 15 of 24 schools were represented. Proper meeting notice was given. **Quorum Present.**

**Guest Speaker**—*Dave Montalvo and Martin Turney—Safety, Security, Emergency Prep, etc...*

Leslie Kahler introduced Dave Montalvo, ISD Director of Safety and Security, and Martin Turney, ISD Executive Director of Finance & Support Services, to discuss safety, security, and emergency preparation at the ISD schools. Dave reported that all schools are doing well with state required drills, including lock down, evacuation, and earthquake. The state mandates that every school have a written emergency plan. Drills are based on the plan. Principals and assistant principals attend FEMA training. PTA members and volunteers on site during a school drill should take direction from the school officials. He also addressed new check-in procedures, including the new district-wide name tag system. Each elementary and middle school main entrance has a vestibule, forcing visitors to enter through the main office. Vestibules will be worked into the high schools. To facilitate events with a large number of visitors, schools should use sign-in sheets and have staff monitor the process. Emergency buckets and supplies is being looked into by the district as a standard/equity issue. PTAs should not pay for or feel responsible for this. PTA presidents should talk to their principals about their concerns. Lastly, Dave noted that a pilot program testing stop cameras on busses will begin next week. The citation for failing to stop when a bus has the stop sign deployed will be \$419.00.

**President's Welcome and Report**—*Leslie Kahler*

**Invitations to Awards Reception** Invitations to the Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate Reception, hosted by Issaquah PTSA Council, are available at the meeting today. Invitations are for the Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate award recipients from all the district schools.

**June Meeting** The June 6 meeting will not be a business meeting but instead will feature a training session titled Managing your Non-Profit. This will count as training for the 2019-2020 year. Any member of your PTSA/PTA is welcome. It will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

**April Meeting** Josh Almy, IDS Deputy Superintendent, will address the new seven-period high school schedule. Shannon Leonard was to talk about district facilities, but she has left the district.

**Issaquah Schools Foundation** The Foundation is hoping that each school, led by the ambassador or PTSA/PTA president, will have at least one table at the Nourish Every Mind luncheon. As a reminder, the Nourish Every Mind events are fundraisers for the Foundation. The recommended minimum donation to attend is \$150.00. The Foundation has seen some PTAs give a seat at the luncheon as a reward for volunteers, who then don't donate, which takes away from the luncheon's function as a fundraiser.

**Office Professionals Request** Amy Wiggins, Assistant to the Principal at Echo Glen, has requested, on behalf of the Issaquah Office Professionals Association, donations of door prizes for their luncheon in May. If your PTA/PTSA wants to support this effort, Amy's contact information is available on the Council website under meeting documents.

**PTAvenue** The Washington State PTA is discontinuing use of PTAvenue after this year. The replacement tool has not been announced. Consider printing membership information out before the end of the year.

**National PTA Dues** National PTA dues will likely increase next year. PTSAs/PTAs will need to make changes to their standing rules to reflect the change. Jess Garcia, Region 2 Membership Chair, will send an example of wording for standing rules. Specifics should be known by the time budgets are set in May.

**District Sustainability Programs** Leslie reported on two sustainability initiatives: Issaquah SchoolPool and the “Do One More Thing Campaign.” Flyers for these programs are available on the council website.

### **Consent Agenda—Leslie Kahler**

The Consent Agenda included the following documents:

- February 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- February 2019 Financial Report
- Membership Report

Leslie Kahler asked for corrections or comments. There were none. The documents are approved as presented.

### **Business**

**Secretary** No report.

**Treasurer** Laila Collins noted that if local PTSA/PTA budgets include donations to Echo Glen, ACT, and VIS, now is a good time to make those.

The Council has a budget surplus. Council dues will likely go down next year. Survey Monkey costs will increase slightly. Laila will send the details to the treasurers.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Standing Committees**

**Art** Laurelle Graves & Juliette Dunkelberger—No report.

**FACE** Ina Ghangurde—No report.

**Outreach** Kim Weiss & Kristen Slocum—Kim thanked everyone for donations to the February Lunch for the Break. Despite “Snowmageddon,” Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank distributed 500 boxes. Donations are now being accepted for Spring Break. The food bank is in need more than 300 boxes of donations as of today. Be sure to register donations with food bank so they know what to expect. Complete boxes can be purchased through Supply All Kids. Donations are due April 3 and will be distributed April 4. Monetary donations are used to purchase perishable foods (produce) and protein foods.

**ParentWiser** Heidi Fuhs—No report.

**STAR/Special Education** Carrie Hipsher—No report.

**Webmaster/Directory** Cindy Kelm—No report.

#### **Ad Hoc Committees**

**Issaquah Schools Foundation** Diane Burdette—No report.

**Reflections** Leah Gibson & Kristen Allen-Bentsen—Kristen noted that State Reflections results are in. They are posted on the Council website under GM Meeting Documents.

**VIS** Dawn Peschek—No report.

**Influence the Choice** Katie Moeller—No report.

### **Council Awards**

Dawn Peschek and Korista Smith-Barney presented Leah Gibson with the Golden Acorn award from the Issaquah PTSA Council.

### **District Updates—Gary Arthur, President IEA; Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent**

**Gary Arthur** Gary shared that in his role as IEA President he often deals with concerns and problems. He enjoys being able to talk about the good things to Council. He shared his perspective on the job as a teacher, the good and the struggles. He also called out the support and contributions of people behind the scenes such as counselors, deans, therapists, PBSES coaches, and professional development. There are many layers of support for students and staff.

**Ron Thiele** Ron noted that is Classified Employee Appreciation Week, which includes employees such as bus drivers, kitchen staff, and paraprofessionals. Ron expressed gratitude to have an incredible group of individuals serving kids, staff, and community. • The Issaquah School Board appointed Sydne Mullings to fill the board

position vacated by Lisa Callan. Ron thanked Alisa George and Tim Ryan, who also applied for the interim board position. • Snow make up days have been announced district-wide. Ron is working on an FAQ that will be published for the wider Issaquah community. The district will revisit calendars set for the next two year. • The Discovery and Endeavour expansion remodel projects are on time and going well. The district closed on the Talus property for new middle school today. The district is in the planning stages for a mid-June ground breaking for Elementary 16 (Issaquah-Pine Lake Road, across from Klahanie entrance). They hope to break ground for the new middle school in the fall. Administration will be moving to the new administration building in June and will be fully occupying the new space by July. All the buildings have been taken down on the Providence Heights site. The district is optimistic that they will get that site for Elementary 17 and High School 4 and are hoping to close on the property by the end of 2019. • Enrollment models are showing growth of 140 students district-wide next year. The district will continue to monitor the slowing growth trend. • The district will likely run an EP&O levy for February 2020. • With the addition of two elementary, one middle, one high school being built, school boundaries will need to be adjusted. It is likely a Boundary Committee will be formed to work on this issue. • The school board holds Linkage meetings as outreach to various groups with which they collaborate.

**Meeting adjourned: 11:46 a.m.**

Submitted by:

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