



General Membership Meeting

Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6

04/18/2019 9:45 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 9:45 a.m. 34 people signed in. 21 of 24 schools were represented. Proper meeting notice was given. **Quorum Present.**

Guest Speakers—Julius Carter, Nicolle Palmer

Julius Carter, ISD Director of Facilities/Building Support, and Nicolle Palmer, District Facilities Concierge, were on hand to discuss how to reserve district facilities. They noted a new Facility Use Specialist, Beth Shomaker, will be on board shortly (filling the role Shannon Leonard held). Facilities requests should be made at least two weeks in advance. Fees are required when kitchen access is needed (two-hour minimum is \$60.00) and for custodial time for events with over 150 participants (three-hour minimum is \$120.00 (\$40.00/hour)). The Principal's Secretaries can access the district calendar to help determine available dates. Requests must go through District Facilities using the Facility Use Application form on the District website.

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President's Welcome and Report—Leslie Kahler

Thank You Card for Our Savior Lutheran Church Leslie circulated a card for people to sign to thank Our Savior Lutheran Church for providing our meeting facility this year.

Enrollment Verification Process Leslie will be meeting with Ron Thiele and Cornwell Atwater next week to discuss the Enrollment Verification Process (EVP). Forward to Leslie ideas on how the district can improve the EVP.

Outstanding Educator Award Council is looking for suggestions for the Outstanding Educator Award given by Council.

Thank You's Leslie recognized and thanked the following people: Dawn Peschek and Korista Smith-Barney for their work on the Golden Acorn awards for Council and Cindy Kelm for posting the nomination forms online; Leah Gibson, Laurelle Graves, and Kristen Allen-Bentsen for planning a lovely district-wide Reflections awards reception; and Laila Collins, Erin Eaton, and Noreen Awan for serving on the Nominating Committee.

Council Resignations Wendy Shah resigned her position as VP Elementary Schools Central as she is moving out of state. In Wendy's absence, Leslie will be the contact for Clark, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, Issaquah Valley, and Sunset elementary schools. Diane Burdette resigned her position as Issaquah Schools Foundation Representative to focus on Senior Events activities at Issaquah High.

May 9 Meeting May 9 is the final business meeting of the year. The annual luncheon will follow the meeting. The meeting will be at Blakely Hall, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Dawn Peschek and Korista Smith-Barney will provide more details about the luncheon.

Influence the Choice Video Contest Awards Influence the Choice will announce the winners of their annual video contest at a ceremony on April 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Issaquah High School. Details are available at influencethechoice.org.

Consent Agenda—Leslie Kahler

The Consent Agenda included the following documents:

- March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- March 2019 Financial Report
- Membership Report

Leslie Kahler asked for corrections or comments. A change to the minutes was noted.

MOTION 1 Erin Eaton moved to accept the consent agenda including the corrected minutes and the remaining documents as presented. The motion was seconded and voted on favorably.

Business

Secretary Sara Carmichael reminded council members to sign in and check their folders when they arrive. The sign-in sheet is used to establish quorum.

Treasurer Laila Collins...No report.

Membership Valerie Yanni congratulated the following schools who achieved membership awards: Apollo Elementary (Silver), Gibson Ek (Platinum), Grand Ridge Elementary (Gold), Sunset Elementary (Silver), and Maple Hills Elementary (100% Membership). There will be a Region 2 Membership Training seminar the week of May 20. Valerie will communicate details to Membership chairs.

Advocacy Erin Eaton...No report.

Council Luncheon Dawn Peschek and Korista Smith-Barney shared the plan for the May 9 GMM and Luncheon. The meeting will be at Blakely Hall (2550 NE Park Drive, Issaquah, 98029). The meeting will run from 10:00—11:15 a.m. Those invited to the luncheon: current and incoming PTA/PTSA President(s) and principals (principals should be asked to arrive at 11:15 a.m.) The Council Board is providing the main dish and dessert. Current presidents are asked to bring a salad or side dish and ask their principals an ice breaker question that will be shared at the luncheon (If you could choose anyone, living or dead, to be your neighbor, who would it be?). An Evite with all the details will be sent soon. Please RSVP by Monday April 29. Plan for time to find parking around Blakely Hall.

Voting

Election of 2019-2020 Officers Laila Collins, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented Nominating Committee Report:

The 2019 Issaquah PTSA Council Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination for the 2019-2020 Council Board:

For the office of President: Erin Eaton

For the office of Secretary: Sara Carmichael

For the office of Treasurer: Laila Collins

For the office of VP Elementary North: Joana Figueiredo

For the office of VP Elementary Central: Noreen Awan

For the office of VP Elementary South: Nicole Morgan

For the office of VP Middle/High Schools: Leslie Kahler

Leslie Kahler asked for further nominations from the floor for each office. There being none, the candidates identified in the Nominating Committee Report were declared elected.

Selection of Check Signers Laila Collins, Erin Eaton, and Leslie Kahler were designated as check signers for the 2019-2020 year.

Council Budget 2019-2020 Laila Collins noted that Council has built up an excess of funds (carrying over \$15,000, excluding ParentWiser). Council dues for each level have been reduced by \$100. The fee for Survey Monkey went up from \$11.00 to \$14.00. Most everything else remains the same. Laila will provide the necessary information to treasurers. Based on the proposed budget, Laila expects Council to carry over \$12,000 to 2020-2021.

MOTION 2 Erin Eaton moved to approve the budget as submitted. Second. Passed.

Reports

Safety Committee Laurelle Graves and Leslie Kahler—Leslie noted that she and Laurelle share the responsibility of attending Safety Committee meetings.

Vice Presidents Dawn Peschek, Ina Ghangurde, Korista Smith-Barney—Dawn Peschek spoke about ways a PTA/PTSA's value can be showcased now in order to get people to join next year. Ideas included sending a year-end summary of events, hosting a coffee to discuss what PTA/PTSA does, and posting an informative flyer in the school office (with approval). Communicate to your membership through all available means (email, social media, etc...) and also through the school eNews to reach a wider audience. Send information to the principal that can be sent on to teachers and staff. Ask to speak at Curriculum night in the fall. Don't be afraid to "toot your own horn." The more you tell people about PTA/PTSA, the better.

Best Practices Korista Smith-Barney—Korista shared best practices regarding Washington State PTA Convention, Nominating Committee and elections, budget, Council Transition Luncheon on May 9, and thanking your volunteers. Details can be found in the Best Practices report on the Council website.

Standing Committees

Art Laurelle Graves & Juliette Dunkelberger—No report.

FACE Ina Ghangurde—No report.

Outreach Kim Weiss & Kristen Slocum—Cindy Kelm shared that Tuxes and Tiaras is accepting donations through April 24th. The shopping event is Saturday, April 27th. Volunteer help is needed. The Tuxes and Tiaras flyer is posted on the Council website.

ParentWiser Heidi Fuhs—Heidi provided details about two ParentWiser events. The Teen Vaping presentation has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 25, 7:00, at Issaquah High School. Challenge Success will be presented twice, first on Monday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. at Skyline High School, and then on Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. at KidStage. Details and registration information are on the ParentWiser website.

Heidi also reminded presidents to include the ParentWiser fee in their budgets (recommended minimum \$250). ParentWiser depends on volunteers. This year, only 11 PTA/PTSAs had Parent Ed representatives, and only four of those volunteered at ParentWiser events. Heidi will send a Parent Ed Rep job description to presidents.

STAR/Special Education Carrie Hipsher—No report.

Webmaster/Directory Cindy Kelm—No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

Issaquah Schools Foundation No report.

Reflections Leah Gibson & Kristen Allen-Bentsen—No report.

VIS Dawn Peschek—No report.

Influence the Choice Katie Moeller—No report.

Guest Speaker—*Josh Almy & Donna Hood*

Josh Almy, Deputy Superintendent, and Donna Hood, Executive Director of High School Education, spoke about the new 7-period modified high school schedule and the process that the district used to develop and adopt the schedule. Issaquah High and Skyline will employ the new schedule this fall (2019-2020). Liberty will transition to the 7-period schedule no later than the 2022-2023 school year (to coincide with the opening of High School #4). The schedule is set up with three 7-period days and two block days (three or four 80 minute classes). Flex time was worked into the two block schedules. Donna Hood noted that flex time will be used for academic intervention, school business including drills and assemblies, and social-emotional learning. Professional development is being provided around how to teach blocks and the flex time scheduling system. Josh also addressed master scheduling, staff adjustments, and space at buildings to accommodate the new schedule.

District Updates—*Gary Arthur, President IEA; Josh Almy, Deputy Superintendent for Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent*

Gary Arthur Gary addressed how teachers are doing and feeling this year. He shared stories, good and bad, from several building representatives who were asked about a range of issues including school climate, safety concerns, evaluations and working conditions.

Josh Almy Deputy Superintendent Josh Almy provided District updates, beginning with capital projects. Property is secured on Issaquah-Pine Lake road for Elementary 16, ground breaking is anticipated soon, and Elementary 16 is expected to open in September 2020. The District hopes to break ground for Middle School 6 at the base of

Talus this summer or fall with an opening anticipated in September 2021. The central administrative offices will move into the new Administration building this summer, finishing by early August. The new facility will include many meeting spaces. The District is confident that it will acquire the Providence Point property for High School 4 and Elementary 17. The goal is to open HS4 in September 2022. • Josh spoke about a pilot program involving Beaver Lake Middle School and the YMCA. The program, serving 13 students, was successful, and the District is looking to expand the program to Maywood next year and then possibly to Issaquah Middle. • Enrollment is open for the new preschool program that will be housed at the current administrative building. • PBSES, a district initiative around social emotional learning and mental health, provides programs and services at all the district schools. The District is in its second year of administering the SDQ to students to gather information about the social emotional well-being of students. Access to counselors has been increased at all schools.

Meeting adjourned: 11:41 a.m.

Submitted by:

Sara Carmichael

Secretary, Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6