



General Membership Meeting
Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6
09/12/2019 9:45 a.m.
ISD Admin Bldg, Squak Mt. Conf. Room

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 9:55 a.m. 46 people signed in. 24 of 24 schools were represented. Proper meeting notice was given. **Quorum Present.**

President's Welcome and Report—*Erin Eaton*

Erin Eaton welcomed everyone in attendance. Council Board Members introduced themselves. Council VPs led breakout sessions by areas (Middle & High, Elementary North, Elementary Central, and Elementary South).

Erin emphasized that Council exists to provide support and resources for all the local PTAs/PTSAs in the Issaquah School District.

Consent Agenda—*Erin Eaton*

The Consent Agenda included the following documents:

- May 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- July and August 2019 Financial Reports
- Standing Rules for 2019-2020
- Mission and Goals for 2019-2020
- Budget for 2019-2020

Erin Eaton reviewed the proposed Mission and Goals. Laila Collins reviewed the proposed budget. The Minutes and Financial Reports were made available on the Council website.

MOTION 1 Nicole Morgan moved to accept the consent agenda. The motion received a second, was voted on, and carried.

Business

Secretary The minutes are posted on the website. No corrections were voiced. They are approved as posted.

Treasurer Laila Collins led a discussion about SurveyMonkey and whether the fee could be waived.

Membership Valerie Yanni reported that people are having struggles and suggested that new chairs connect with past membership chairs. • Functionality to upload OurSchoolPages data to MemberPlanet has now been available for a few days. Membership chairs should join the "OurSchoolPages Admin Community" group on Facebook. Council is working on a webinar-type training with Rajeev, developer of OurSchoolPages. • Council website (issaquahptsa.org) has resources, including Membership Chair emails, under Membership. • Membership chairs should be receiving emails from Washington State PTA. • Membership cards are not being sent out automatically yet. MemberPlanet is working on it. • First membership upload to MemberPlanet should be done prior to the first General Membership Meeting. At a minimum, board members and the bulk of members should be inputted. A PTA/PTSA must have at least 25 members to be official and have enough members to vote. Show due diligence and upload membership as soon as feasible so your PTA/PTSA is not holding on to funds/dues. Many PTAs/PTSAs have not put their bank account information into MemberPlanet so dues are not being automatically withdrawn. Once data is uploaded, a second step of activating the membership is required. Include Valerie Yanni in communications about Membership and MemberPlanet.

Vice Presidents—*Leslie Kahler, Joana Figueiredo, Noreen Awan, Nicole Morgan*

Enrollment Verification Process Leslie Kahler asked for feedback on the Enrollment Verification Process (EVP).

Spring Luncheon Meeting Leslie Kahler also asked for feedback regarding last year's luncheon location (Blakely Hall in the Highlands).

Region 2 Leslie explained what Region 2 is and how it works. Leslie is our council's representative to Region 2 and is an approved trainer.

Training Leslie noted that training for each elected officer is mandatory. A minimum of one person per local PTA/PTSA is required to attend PTA & the Law each year. Leslie offered to provide training if needed.

Best Practices Laila Collins discussed the Washington State PTA website and how to navigate it to find handbooks and information. She also discussed the Best Practices Checklist.

Facilities Use Fees Leslie Kahler asked presidents to email or speak to her if they think their PTA/PTSA was overcharged by the district for facilities use.

Committee Reports

Standing Committees

Art Laurelle Graves & Juliette Dunkelberger—No report.

FACE Alicia Spinner—No report.

Outreach Darci Hanley—Darci Hanley noted that today is the last day for donations to Tuxes and Tiaras. The event is Saturday, September 14 at The Garage. • The Power Packs program, which provides food for kids who qualify for free and reduced lunch, is going strong this year. Last year, 6,000 packs were distributed. • Lunch for the Break (LFTB) will be active for Winter Break, Mid-winter Break, and Spring Break. Darci noted that it would be helpful to coordinate which schools support LFTB to help geographic distribution.

ParentWiser Heidi Fuhs—No report.

STAR/Special Education No report.

Webmaster/Directory Cindy Kelm—No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

Reflections Leah Gibson & Kristen Allen-Bentsen—Kristen Allen-Bentsen reported that Reflections training is scheduled for Monday, September 23, at 10:30 a.m. at the Issaquah Library Meeting Room. If your PTA/PTSA does not have a Reflections Chair, encourage a board member to attend the training. The question was posed about why Reflections is required by the MERLIN program and the burden placed on the PTAs at those schools. Ron Thiele said he would look into that.

Influence the Choice Katie Moeller—Katie Moeller introduced herself and Influence the Choice. She noted that the Sammamish Action Forum for Youth will be held September 26 at the Boys & Girls Club. Katie also talked about the Healthy Youth Survey, which is administered every two years and provides very useful data.

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools Dawn Peschek—Dawn Peschek and Alicia Veevaert provided two handouts: Public Disclosure Guidelines and About Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS). There is a speaker series coming up and they would like to coordinate someone to come and address the Council about the district's levy campaign. The levy will be on the February ballot. The last one was two years ago, instead of the usual four-year cycle.

Dawn requested that each local PTA/PTSA keep their VIS budget line items. Send donations to VIS when you can. You will receive a thank you note, which will serve as a receipt. If you don't currently have a VIS line item, consider adding one to your budget.

Issaquah Schools Foundation Cornell Atwater and Carolyn Kennedy represented the Foundation. Cornell spoke to the purpose of Issaquah Schools Foundation within the community for all kids in all Issaquah School District schools. • The Fall campaign has launched: Step Up for Kids, a refresh of the All in for Kids. The campaign will run through the end of October. • The Nourish Every Mind Luncheon will return to Issaquah this year at Eastridge Church in May. • Carolyn spoke about the programs supported by Issaquah Schools Foundation and handed out the Program Guide. She has been sending information to the Ambassadors at each school. She also noted that Foundation Grants are open to everyone. There is only one round of grants this year. The process opens in November. A training workshop will be offered in October. Winners will be announced in January.

District Updates—Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent

Ron Thiele welcomed everyone to the new Administration building. The unnumbered parking spaces belong to the ISD. There are 440 spots available. The previous building is being repurposed as an ISD preschool. • The school year has started off pretty smoothly. The vast majority of staff openings were filled over the summer. The focus now is finding transportation bus subs. Over 10,000 students are bussed daily to and from school. • Kindergarten started on September 9. The first dual-language classes began at Clark and IVE. • Enrollment prior to last year experienced average growth of 400 students per year. Last year enrollment was flat. This year, enrollment is expected to increase by 130-225. The official enrollment count will be taken October 1. • Elementary 16 expected opening moved from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021. Middle School #6 is still on target for Fall 2021. Water lines are being relocated at Talus, and construction is expected to begin in late March or early April. Elementary #17 is scheduled to open Fall 2022. Maple Hills reconstruction is in the information gathering stage. Still on track to open Fall 2020. Stadium work will be happening at Liberty, IHS, and Beaver Lake. • Facilities scheduling is experiencing some struggles. If you are experiencing challenges, call in and talk to the facilities people for scheduling. • School Board meetings have changed to Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. Work studies begin generally at 5:00 p.m. The board is considering a recommendation for an EP& O Levy.

Meeting adjourned: 11:41 a.m.

Submitted by:

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