

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 9:51 a.m. 40 people signed in. 23 of 24 schools were represented. Proper meeting notice was given. **Quorum Present.**

President's Welcome and Report—*Erin Eaton*

Erin Eaton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consent Agenda—*Erin Eaton*

The Consent Agenda included the following documents:

- October 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- October 2019 Financial Report

Erin Eaton asked for corrections or comments. Corrections were submitted. The documents are approved as corrected.

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

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools—*Dawn Peschek, Alicia Veevaert, Care Maree Harper, Karissa Mobilia*

Dawn Peschek noted that she sent an email to the PTA/PTSA presidents containing information about VIS, the upcoming ISD Levy, and VIS efforts to get the word out about the levy. She also shared thanks to all (PTAs/PTSAs and individuals) who donate to VIS, which relies on donations to operate.

Karissa Mobilia announced Honk & Waves in support of the levy will take place Wednesday, January 22 (the date ballots are mailed) and Monday, February 10 (the day before ballots are due). Morning and afternoon time slots will be available. Locations are still being determined. Suggestions about locations based on local knowledge should be directed to Karissa.

Dana Rundle explained the plan to distribute 300 to 350 yard signs around district and circulated a signup sheet for those interested in helping to post signs.

Care Maree Harper is leading the effort to get flyers distributed to the 150 preschools that feed into the district. She will have flyers at the January meeting.

Ann Moore explained the joint VIS/PTA effort to send postcards to district parents. VIS creates and pays for postcards featuring the VIS school bus logo. PTAs/PTSAs send the postcards using their bulk mailing permit. Ann will deliver postcards and labels to those PTAs/PTSAs who are interested in having their volunteers affix the labels (community service hours opportunity for middle and high school students), or Ann will deliver pre-labeled postcards. Mailing must be done through the Issaquah Post Office only. Ann will provide instructions for mailing. Email Dawn Peschek or Alicia Vaaevart to arrange to have a VIS speaker at a PTA/PTSA meeting.

A Levy Information Night is scheduled for January 15 at the Library Resource Center.

VIS asks that PTAs/PTSAs endorse (by a vote of the membership) the levy and will provide a sample endorsement script to use at a meeting. Erin Eaton led the Council general membership in a vote to endorse the levy following a sample endorsement script.

MOTION 2 Dawn Peschek moved that Issaquah PTSA Council endorse the ISD replacement EP&O Levy going before the voters on February 11, 2020. The motion received a second, was voted on, and Issaquah PTSA Council endorses the levy.

Business

Secretary Sara Carmichael No report.

Treasurer Laila Collins reminded presidents that 990 forms (or an extension) are due tomorrow. All council dues and fees have been collected. Laila will send a reminder that insurance certificates are due by December 1. The district requires an additional endorsement page, which AIM is not automatically sending.

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

Best Practices Nicole Morgan reviewed some best practices for November, including paying taxes by November 15, consulting standing rules about selecting a nominating committee, and recognize volunteers for fall activities.

Training Leslie Kahler announced a tentative PTA & the Law training class on December 10 (in place of the cancelled December Council General Membership Meeting). Training is open to any PTA/PTSA member (not just officers). One officer per PTA/PTSA per year MUST take PTA & the Law.

Committee Reports

Standing Committees

Advocacy Kristen Slocum...No report.

Art Laurelle Graves—Laurelle reported on the recent art conference. The district is moving toward owning the art program in the elementary schools, still employing the art docent model. Dawn Wallace, ISD Director of Teaching and Learning, is working on how the district will implement art in the schools and will speak at the January Council meeting.

FACE Alicia Spinner—Alicia explained her job as helping local PTAs/PTSAs to bring more people to the table. She provided a handout that defines FACE and the role of FACE chair and circulated a sheet for presidents to write down their school's FACE contact. Alicia emphasized that need to have cultural ambassadors in schools and, as an example, spoke about the Diversity Director position at Grand Ridge.

Membership Valerie Yanni...Valerie noted that she does not yet have Council access to MemberPlanet. She will email membership chairs and/or presidents asking for membership numbers.

Outreach Darci Hanley & Tracie Jones—Tracie Jones is joining Darci as co-chair of outreach. Tracie gave a shout out to Newcastle PTSA, which donated 1,000 pounds of food to Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank. Funding and donations for powerpacks are limited. Power Pack representatives are encouraged to pick up a two-week supply. PTAs/PTSAs have several holiday giving opportunities to choose to participate in including Holiday Gift Barn and Lunch for the Break. Contact Issaquah Food & Clothing for questions.

ParentWiser Heidi Fuhs—Heidi announced a ParentWiser event featuring Dr. Caprice Hollins on the topic of Cultural Competency on January 22 at Liberty High School. It is open to all district parents of K-12 students.

Special Education Lisa Coston—No report.

Webmaster/Directory Cindy Kelm—No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

Influence the Choice Katie Moeller—Katie noted that the Power of Me Power of We workshop for middle school students is this weekend and expressed thanks for help getting flyer into PeachJar. The video contest for middle and high school students (peer to peer PSA) will kick off in January. Influence the Choice is bringing a positive community norms speaker from the Montana Institute to Issaquah on November 21. There are a few spots available.

Issaquah Schools Foundation—Carolyn Kennedy announced that Facebook Campaigns will be featured in November. She also discussed changes to the "breakfast bar program," now snack support, to give options to schools to best help their student body. Carolyn addressed questions about the ASAP program, which is has been scaled back by the district and is provided only at Title I schools. The Foundation grant cycle closes on November 26th.

Reflections Leah Gibson & Kristen Allen-Bentsen—Kristen noted that art submissions are due Monday. They should be delivered to the Village Theatre lobby between 10:30 and 12:00. Judging will happen over the next month. The District Reflections Reception/open house/art walk is scheduled for January 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at IHS. Students will find out if advancing to State by the ribbon on their art piece.

Safety Leslie Kahler & Laurelle Graves—No report.

District Updates—*Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent*

Superintendent Ron Thiele addressed several topics:

Yesterday was Kindness Day. • Ron highlighted the district's Equity focus and provided several examples of district actions. • Regarding the levy, Ron is available to speak at meetings (PTA, HOA, community, etc...) about the facts of the levy. He also encouraged reminding students turning 18 to register to vote. • ISD is asking the Issaquah City Council to change zoning to facilitate construction of Middle School #6, High School #4, and Elementary School #17. Ron encouraged people to read more about the issues on the District website. There are ongoing discussions between the District and Providence Point. He stressed that the City Council needs to hear support from citizens of the ISD. • The ISD Career and Technical Department and the Issaquah Chamber of Commerce partnered with Issaquah Schools Foundation to put on the Great Careers Conference. It will be held December 13 at Bellevue College. Registration is open through November 22nd. • Ron was questioned about the MERLIN requirement of Reflections at Apollo. Ron will work with Apollo and Endeavour PTAs to work through the issues.

Miscellaneous

VIS Postcards Ann Moore noted that all presidents decided to self-label VIS post cards.

Meeting adjourned: 12:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sara Carmichael

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