

ISSAQUAH  PTSA COUNCIL

Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community

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2017-2018

What is Council?

- ▶ Non-Profit Organization, 501(c)3
- ▶ Members = local PTAs/PTSAs Presidents & Delegates in the Issaquah School District
- ▶ Monthly Board & Membership Meetings
- ▶ Each Local PTA/PTSA is Encouraged to Attend Monthly Membership Meeting
- ▶ Each Local PTA/PTSA Allowed 4 Voting Delegates
- ▶ Local PTA/PTSA Board Should Determine Who will Attend to Represent Them - However, Only Voting Delegates May Vote
- ▶ As a Member, You Reserve the Right to Invite Any of Your Members to Attend With You, However, Your Members May Not Choose To Attend on Their Own

What Do We Do?

- ▶ Support all local PTAs/PTSAs
- ▶ Provide Resources
- ▶ Facilitate Communication
- ▶ Provide Leadership Development Opportunities & Training
- ▶ Advocate for All Children at the District and State Levels
- ▶ Develop Collaborative and Productive Relationships with School District Leaders
- ▶ Provide Local PTA/PTSAs with a Voice and Vote

Our Mission

The mission of the Issaquah PTSA Council is to:

- ▶ empower our members as we advocate for children at the local and state levels;
- ▶ build strong local PTAs/PTSAs through education and leadership support;
- ▶ and provide collaborative opportunities between member PTAs/PTSAs, the school district, and other community organizations concerned with the health, welfare, and education of all children.

Co-Presidents

Becky Gordon & Leslie Kahler

- ▶ Ensure resources are available for Issaquah PTA/PTSA leaders
- ▶ Ensure training opportunities are communicated to the membership
- ▶ Model Best Practices
- ▶ Provide opportunities within the PTSA membership to connect, share, and learn from one another
- ▶ Strengthen the collaborative relationship with district leadership
- ▶ Support local PTAs/PTSAs as requested

President @issaquahptsa.org

Vice Presidents: Elementary, Middle, & High

- ▶ Ina Ghangurde vp-high@issaquahptsa.org
- ▶ Laila Collins vp-middle@issaquahptsa.org

- ▶ Korista Smith-Barney vp-el-south@issaquahptsa.org
 - ▶ Apollo, Briarwood, Maple Hills, Newcastle
- ▶ Wendy Shah vp-el-central@issaquahptsa.org
 - ▶ Clark, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, IVE, Sunset

- ▶ We are currently looking for a VP Elementary North
 - ▶ Cascade Ridge, Challenger, Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunny Hills

Secretary @issaquahptsa.org

Erin Thacker

- ▶ Sends the monthly Membership meeting announcements with a link to all documents
- ▶ Keeps track of meeting attendance - Don't forget to sign in
 - ▶ If you have an email address other than your private/personal make sure we have it on the sign in sheet
- ▶ **Voting Delegate Form: Due October 12**
 - ▶ Each local PTA/PTSA has a total of 4 authorized delegates
 - ▶ Council must have the names on file in order to vote
 - ▶ Anyone may represent your PTA/PTSA at a council meeting, but only voting delegates may vote
 - ▶ Each delegate only has one vote - regardless of how many council positions they may hold

Treasurer @issaquahpts.org

Erin Eaton

- ▶ Council Fees: Form is on the Meeting Documents page
Due: October 31, 2017
 - ▶ Elementary \$310
 - ▶ Middle \$285
 - ▶ High \$260
 - ▶ Parentwiser \$250 (minimum)
 - ▶ Survey Monkey \$11
- ▶ Donations
 - ▶ Academy for Community Transition (ACT) ISD program that serves students ages 18-21 with developmental disabilities
- ▶ AIM Insurance Certificate - update for the district
- ▶ Email Scam: Always follow your established procedures!

WSPTA Committees

- ▶ Best Practices: Open
- ▶ Membership: Open
- ▶ Advocacy: Open

Standing Committees

- ▶ Art in the Schools - Artist Support
- ▶ Family and Community Engagement (FACE)
- ▶ Healthy Youth Initiative Liaison
- ▶ Issaquah Schools Foundation Liaison
- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Parentwiser
- ▶ Reflections
- ▶ Special Education
- ▶ Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS)
- ▶ Webmaster/Directory

Artist Support

Juliette Ripley-Dunkelberger

Artistic Resources Director

I provide support for the arts in the Issaquah School District. I organize ten trainings and a full day art conference for elementary PTSA Art Docents annually. I am coordinating the creation of curriculum for our Art Docent's use (160 lessons K-5th grade). I visit schools to offer personalized support for Art Docent programs. I am exploring opportunities for after school art & innovation clubs for our middle and high school students.

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Work with: PTSA's, PTSA Council, ArtEast, Issaquah School District, Issaquah Arts Commission, Washington State Arts Commission



Laurelle Graves

Co-Art Liaison

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My job is to help support the art docent program in the elementary schools. The Art Docent program supports WA State's Visual Arts Grade Level Expectations K - 5 alongside 21st Century thinking skills to introduce students to the elements of art, principles of design, various art materials, cultural influences, artists, problem solving and personal expression.



Family & Community Engagement: FACE

Ina Ghangurde

- ▶ Builds and supports positive relationships between teachers, staff, administrators, families, and community partners
- ▶ Provides an accessible support system between school and community resources and families
- ▶ Assess community needs
- ▶ Work to actively engage all families and community members
- ▶ Collaborate with families, teachers, administration, and community groups to bring together all stakeholders to plan and implement FACE activities and initiatives
- ▶ Participates in the ISD Equity Advisory Group and the Family Partnership Team

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Healthy Youth Initiative

Laura Smith

- ▶ ITC (Influence the Choice) is a community alliance that us committed to reducing and preventing youth substance use in the Issaquah School District
 - ▶ YODA (Youth Opposed to Drug Abuse)
 - ▶ Influence the Choice Video Contest
- ▶ BEST (Building Emotional Strength Together) is dedicated to preventing youth suicide by developing a positive understanding of mental resilience
- ▶ Basic Student Needs is devoted to removing barriers for students at the most fundamental level such as food, clothing and school supplies

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Issaquah Schools Foundation Liaison

Valerie Yanni



- ▶ Represent the Issaquah PTSA Council at the Foundation's monthly meeting providing feedback and ideas
- ▶ Communicate information to the council board of directors and membership from the Foundation (including inviting program speakers to Membership Meetings)
- ▶ Facilitate new partnerships when the opportunity presents itself

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Council Outreach Chair

Outreach networks across organizations and programs in the Issaquah and Sammamish communities, sharing information about ways to help, and current events and programs for families to access.



Organizations include: Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, Issaquah Nourishing Network, Issaquah Schools Foundation, KCLS, Friends of Youth, YWCA, HopeLink, and more.

Programs include: Lunch For The Break, Issaquah Power Packs, Holiday Gift Barn, Tools4School, Summer Lunch, and many more (because we have an amazing community).

Kim Weiss Email: Kim@squidgey.com



Heidi Fuhs & Debbie Steinberg Kuntz

- ▶ ParentWiser is the parent education committee of the Issaquah PTSA Council. We offer a district-wide parenting lecture series comprised of local and nationally-known experts who are invited to share the latest information in effective parenting with parents of the Issaquah School District. **We offer speakers, discussions and documentary films throughout the school year to engage parents in timely educational topics for raising healthy, confident K-12 students. We welcome volunteers to join our team, especially those with experience in email marketing, social media, and video recording.**
- ▶ ParentWiser also partners in various events with local school PTSAs across the district, various sub-groups of ISF such as the HYI, ITC, BEST, Cultural Bridges; FACE, and staff of the ISD. Parent Ed representatives from each school serve on our committee as advisors and event volunteers, as well as coordinate localized parent ed topics for their unique school population.
- ▶ Bookmark <http://ParentWiser.org> (new events for 2017-18 coming soon!)

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Reflections

Leah Gibson



- ▶ District Reflections Chair is a resource for all school Reflections Chairs as well the facilitator for the National PTA Reflections program at the District level
- ▶ I work with all levels of PTA: local, district, state and national
- ▶ Collaborate with local artists who volunteer as judges, ArtEast and Issaquah School District

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Special Education Chair

Carrie Hipsher



- ▶ Our goal is to assist families in navigating the education system, connect them with resources, provide support, and advocate for inclusion.
- ▶ Organizations: ISD Special Services Administrators, ARC of King County, WAAA, local service/therapy providers, and other disability advocacy groups.
- ▶ 2017-2018 Priorities: establishing school liaisons & templates; PTSA guidance for better inclusion; newsletter from administration; strengthening parent advisory group.
- ▶ Upcoming Events:
 - October 3rd - TIPS - Tuesdays Issaquah Parent Support; 7:00-10:00 PM at the Starbucks on Gilman Blvd.
 - Speaker Series with ISD and ARC, Greg Abel



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www.facebook.com/groups/IssaquahSTAR

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS)

Council VIS Representative, Dawn Peschek

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools is a non-profit 501(c)4 organization that works to promote passage of Issaquah School District bond and levies. VIS provides information about these ballot measures to our PTA membership so our members can make an informed decision to promote a **YES VOTE!** for our Schools.

PTA/PTSA support is important, and sharing this information with our membership is crucial to getting these bonds and levies passed in our community! *We want to continue to support the ISD to provide a high quality educational experience here in Issaquah for our students.*

With our Issaquah PTA/PTSA's support the Issaquah 2016 bond passed with a 70%+ approval rate!
Thank you ALL for your help getting the information out to our community!



Dawn Peschek is our Issaquah PTSA Council VIS Representative, who also serves as Co-chair for VIS, is a long-time PTA member, and has students at Maywood Middle School and Liberty High School.



If you would like more information please visit www.visvote.org and please **LIKE!** [Volunteers for Issaquah Schools](#) on Facebook



Webmaster / Directory

Cindy Kelm



- ▶ Maintain the Issaquah PTSA Council Website and corresponding Facebook Page
- ▶ Update and distribute the Issaquah PTSA Council Directory annually
- ▶ Coordinate council wide surveys via Survey Monkey

webmaster@issaquahptsa.org

Ad Hoc Committees

- ▶ Financial Review
- ▶ Nominating Committee
- ▶ Awards selection
- ▶ Awards Recognition District Event
 - ▶ April 3, 6:30 - 7:30 @ IMS
- ▶ Reflections Reception and Artwalk
 - ▶ January 9 A IHS
- ▶ Staff Appreciation for Echo Glen and Academy for Community Transition (May-June)
- ▶ ISD Safety Advisory Committee Representative

Council Membership Meetings 2017-2018

- ▶ September 14, October 12, November 9, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 19, May 17
- ▶ 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- ▶ District update at every meeting by Superintendent Ron Thiele or other district administrator
- ▶ Guest Speakers from ISD or community organizations
- ▶ New this year: After each meeting there will be an optional Question and Answer session for non-business discussion that may not be of interest to all members

Additional Contacts

▶ Issaquah PTSA Council

- ▶ Region 2 Rep: Ina Ghangurde

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▶ Washington State PTA

- ▶ Region 2 Director: Mindy Lincicome
- ▶ Area B Director: Jane Dulski
- ▶ President: Michelle Nims
- ▶ Executive Director: Kathryn Hobbs
- ▶ Staff: Amanda Starr-Smith
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**The Issaquah PTSA Council is
Here to Support You in
Everything You Do**

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