

ISSAQUAH  PTSA COUNCIL

Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community

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November 9, 2017

President's Report

Becky Gordon & Leslie Kahler

- ▶ Thank you!
 - ▶ Liberty High PTSA - For hosting One Love for the district
 - ▶ Parentwiser - iRules
- ▶ New password to the Leadership Guides
 - ▶ Username: Every Password: Child
- ▶ PTA and the Principal - November 16
 - ▶ 11:45 - 12:45 L. Michelle & Moriah Banasick (all presidents)
 - ▶ 12:45 - 1:15 Elem. Presidents join the Elem principal's meeting - already in progress
- ▶ Executive Limitation - 16 Equity
- ▶ Mailchimp calendar of events - discontinue
- ▶ December training?
- ▶ Echo Glen support

Echo Glen Support

- ▶ Here's what volunteers are currently doing:

http://www.smilepower.org/Echo_Glen_Children_s_Ctr.html

- ▶ **Giving Trees** - the wonderful staff at Echo Glen has so many ideas on how to help the youth rewrite the scripts of their lives. Know any group that would consider 'adopting' some items on a wish list? Any gifts would actually benefit many many youth and over many years rather than going to just one youth.

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/V0FZYMV60E87/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

- ▶ Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SupportingIncarceratedYouth/>

Open Council Positions

- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Co-Reflections

Consent Agenda

I move we accept the consent agenda as presented
(items can be removed for discussion or amended)

- ▶ October 12, 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes
- ▶ October 2017 Treasurer's Report

- ▶ No claims were filed on our insurance policy during this period

All documents are posted on the Meeting Documents page

Secretary @issaquahptsa.org

Erin Thacker

- ▶ No report

Treasurer @issaquahptsa.org

Erin Eaton

- ▶ Council Dues Due: October 31
- ▶ Taxes Due: November 15
- ▶ Insurance Due: December 1
- ▶ Financial Review Committee: Korista Smith-Barney, Wendy Shah, and Laila Collins

Council Business

- ▶ Nominating Committee Election
 - ▶ Laila Collins
 - ▶ Wendy Shah
 - ▶ ?

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS)

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.

What is a Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (VIS) PTSA Representative?

- A VIS Rep can be 1-2 people willing to facilitate sharing information to their organization/group (ex: PTA, Homeowners Assoc., NextDoor group, or any other organized club/group/business) and help organize volunteers with various activities that support the passing of school bonds/levies. This role can be as simple or as involved as one would like!
- The VIS Board Members and Steering Committee do the main tasks during the campaign, and then reach out to local VIS Reps with info to share or requests for help. ***You are never left on your own and have our full support as a team!*** The committee works to make tasks easy for our volunteers.

Tasks may include:

- Hosting/organizing a speaker presentation to your group
- Sharing information with your organization for distribution
- Sharing information via social media, newsletters, etc.
- Encourage voters to pass school bonds/levies and to endorse them
- Organizing volunteers for sign Honk & Waves near voting dates
- Organizing volunteers for distributing literature door-to-door (for bonds)
- Possible help with postcard/letter mailings

At minimum, a VIS Rep would help with the first four tasks, and let the committee know if they need help with or are unable to participate in the remaining. If you are interested in a larger role please reach out to Dawn Peschek, at dawn@visvote.org or Alicia alicia@visvote.org.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



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



Notecard Questions???

- ▶ At this time questions submitted will be discussed

Best Practices

Open

- ▶ Korista Smith-Barney
- ▶ Nominating Committee - find nominees/elect
- ▶ Recognize your Reflections participants
- ▶ Start Promoting the “Men’s Making a Difference” student essay contest

Membership

Open

- ▶ Report
- ▶ Time for your Winter Campaign (Nov-Dec)
- ▶ Gold Membership
 - ▶ 10% increase from the past year's membership
 - ▶ You do not apply for this award

Advocacy

Open

- ▶ Delegates adopted resolutions on:
 - ▶ Mental Health Needs for Children
 - ▶ Trauma Informed Care
 - ▶ Increasing Access and Affordability of Post-secondary/Higher Education Degrees and Certificates
 - ▶ LGBTQ+ Inclusion
- ▶ The following legislative issues were added to the “Also Supported” list for the 2018 Legislative Platform (in alphabetical order):
 - ▶ Addressing the Teacher Shortage
 - ▶ Best Practices for School Meal Policies
 - ▶ Career Connected Learning, CTE & Stem
 - ▶ Dual Credit Equality & Support
 - ▶ Equity for Highly Capable
 - ▶ Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Gender-based Violence
 - ▶ School Construction and Class Size Reduction



Read the full recap of the 2017 WSPTA Legislative Assembly at <https://www.wastatepta.org/2017-wspta-legislative-assembly-recap/>

Standing Committees

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

Outreach

Guest Speaker: Rebecca Rice

Chair: Kim Weiss outreach@issaquahptsa.org

▶ Upcoming Events:

- ▶ Turkey Trot www.issaquahturkeytrot.org
 - ▶ 9am, Thanksgiving morning. New route !
 - ▶ Volunteers Needed !
 - ▶ Register online
- ▶ IFCB Holiday Gift Barn www.issaquahfoodbank.org/holiday-gift-barn
 - ▶ Donor Drop Off: Monday & Tuesday, Dec 4th and 5th
 - ▶ Family Pick Up: Wednesday & Thursday, Dec 6th and 7th
 - ▶ Volunteers Needed !
 - ▶ Register your gift to help with planning
- ▶ Lunch For The Break www.lunchforthebreak.com
 - ▶ Goal of 450 boxes for December break
 - ▶ Donor Drop Off: Monday, Dec 18 2pm - 7pm
 - ▶ Register your donation to assist with planning
 - ▶ Family Pick Up: Tuesday, Dec 19 2pm - 7pm

Reflections

Leah Gibson

Turn-in date - Monday, November 20th from 10-12 at the Issaquah Library

Number of Finalists to District-12 entries as a base amount regardless of participation, 15 entries with 75+, 18 entries with 100+.

District Reflections Reception -Tuesday, January 9, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 pm at IHS. Set-up/take-down help needed!



Co-Chairs:
Heidi Fuhs
Debbie Steinberg Kuntz

- ▶ Pick up TABLE TENTS to place in your school lobby.
- ▶ ParentWiser and your PTA/PTSA:
 - ▶ Add ParentWiser events as a benefit of PTSA Membership!
 - ▶ Mention upcoming ParentWiser events at your General Membership Meetings. (Pass around flyer for upcoming event, or list of speaker series.)
 - ▶ Host a local parent ed speaker for your General Membership? Ask/inform ParentWiser for recommendations.
- ▶ Communications:
 - ▶ for SCHOOL AND PTSA ENEWS - copy/paste to avoid errors & omissions.
 - ▶ Add [ParentWiser link](#) / (logo above) to your MySchoolPages/PTSA website.
 - ▶ Link your PTSA Facebook/Website to [ParentWiser Facebook](#).
- ▶ Back-to-School Check In - if you collected parent names/emails for ParentWiser subscription, forward contacts list to parentwiser@issaquahpts.org.

FACE @issaquahpts.org

Ina Ghangurde

- ▶ Identify a FACE liaison at every school
- ▶ Preferably, this person should be multi-cultural
- ▶ Contact me with questions or for help if needed
- ▶ Hand outs!

Issaquah Schools Foundation Liaison

Valerie Yanni



- ▶ **Kateri Brow and Classroom Enrichment Grants**
 - ▶ Grant applications are only accepted on line.
 - ▶ Visit isfdn.org/grants for dates and evaluations.
 - ▶ Access the online application.
 - ▶ View the judging rubric and the Grant Writing Workshop Presentation.

- ▶ **Over 300 Voice Mentors**
 - ▶ If you would like to be a VOICE mentor email: voice@isfdn.org or call: 425-391-8557

- ▶ **DINING FOR KIDS**

Wednesday, Dec. 6th Chinoise Sushi Bar and Asian Grill
(in the Issaquah Highlands next to the movie theater)
Lunch and Dinner.

Special Education

Carrie Hipsher

- ▶ Identify special ed liaison at every school.
- ▶ Preferably, this person should have a student with an IEP or 504.
- ▶ Please send me Chair/Rep names. Special-ed@issaquahptsa.org or carriehipsher@hotmail.com
- ▶ Contact me with questions or for help if needed. I can probably help identify people at the schools.
- ▶ Share “Club Inclusive” Facebook post to your school community.
- ▶ Encourage your community to join our private Facebook group - www.facebook.com/groups/IssaquahSTAR



Parent Training Opportunities

The Issaquah School District Special Services Department and The Arc of King County have partnered to offer three FREE training sessions open to parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers of students with special needs.

Special Education 101: Introduction to Laws, the Special Ed Process, and parent and student rights

October 23, 2017 6:30-8pm at Maywood Middle School

Participating in IEP Meetings: Strategies for effective collaboration with IEP Team

December 4, 2017 6:30-8pm at Issaquah Middle School

Community Resources: DDA services, respite care, behavior support, and more!

February 15, 2018 6:30-8pm at Pacific Cascade Middle School



Healthy Youth

Andie Adee

- ▶ *The Power of Me, The Power of We!* Youth Summit
- ▶ Saturday, November 11 from 9AM - 4PM
- ▶ Pacific Cascade Middle School
- ▶ High School students will receive volunteer hours to help facilitate break-out sessions and mentor middle school students
- ▶ Registration at www.eventbrite.com/o/influence-the-choice-15321775883

This is an inspirational one-day FREE event for middle school students. We will enjoy food, fun, and friends as we learn about becoming change makers in the areas of substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion.



GLASS FUSING

NOV. 17TH 12 - 2:30

Hailstone Feed Store

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aea72ba13-glass4>



- ▶ Come and learn the basics of purchasing, planing, safety, cutting and fusing glass projects for your students. Juliette will teach several projects and you will leave with an example (to be fired at your school) of a project which works with the age group you work with. 2nd - 5th grades
- ▶ Class will be held at the Hailstone Feed Store
- ▶ **Hailstone Feed Store**
232 Front Street North
Issaquah, WA 98027

District Updates

- ▶ Ron Thiele - ISD Superintendent
- ▶ Doug Jones - President, Issaquah Education Association

Upcoming Events

- ▶ PTA and the Principal: Elementary - November 16
 - ▶ 11:45 - 12:45 Moriah Banasick and L. Michelle
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- ▶ Reflections Turn-in - November 20
 - ▶ 10 am - 12 pm
 - ▶ Issaquah Library
- ▶ District wide Reflections Reception - January 9
 - ▶ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 - ▶ At IHS

New Business

Adjourn
Optional Q & A session

Questions?

▶ Elementary Schools

- ▶ South: Korista Smith-Barney vp-el-south@issaquahptsa.org
 - ❖ Apollo, Briarwood, Maple Hills, Newcastle
- ▶ Central: Wendy Shah vp-el-central@issaquahptsa.org
 - ❖ Clark, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, IVE, Sunset
- ▶ North: Ina Ghangurde vp-el-north@issaquahptsa.org
 - ❖ Cascade Ridge, Challenger, Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunny Hills

▶ Middle Schools: Laila Collins vp-middle@issaquahptsa.org

▶ High Schools: Ina Ghangurde vp-high@issaquahptsa.org

Additional Contacts

▶ Issaquah PTSA Council

- ▶ Council Presidents
 - ▶ Becky Gordon & Leslie Kahler
- ▶ Treasurer: Erin Eaton
- ▶ Membership: Open

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▶ Washington State PTA

- ▶ Region 2 Director: Mindi 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!***

Lunch Anyone?

- ▶ location