
Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:32 am. 40 people signed in. 21 of 24 schools were represented. Proper meeting notice was given. **Quorum Present.**

Welcome - Erin Eaton

Erin welcomed everyone.

Consent Agenda - Erin Eaton

- October 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- October 2020 Financial Report

Consent agenda was approved and will be filed as presented.

MOTION 1: NAME moved to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Second. Carried.

Business

Secretary - Cindy Kelm

Minutes will be filed as corrected (spelling).

Continue to send contact information updates for your board and chairs.

Treasurer - Pauline Tamblyn

Reminder of getting insurance paid and certificates to Pauline

Membership - (OPEN) Erin Eaton

Position still open.

Continue to upload your members as they come in. Should be receiving invoices from WSPTA at this point.

President's Report - Erin Eaton

Erin thanked everyone for their work and flexibility with this year's challenges in serving their schools.

Reports

Vice Presidents - *Carla Geraci, Nicole Morgan, Lauren Bartholomew*

Best Practices / Standards of Affiliation *Carla Geraci*

Carla reminded everyone of due dates for this month through January.

SOA form is available on the Council website as well as the WSPTA website.

Reminder that AIM declaration of insurance must be in immediately to hand over to the district.

Fundraising Survey - *Nicole Morgan*

20 schools responded to the survey. 12 no, 8 yes to large fundraising this year. Most are still doing passive fundraising. Several are not doing any active fundraising. 5 plan to put the funds to specific line items, most will be adding to their general fund. Looking for ideas for fundraising and what has been successful this year.

Code of Conduct - *Lauren Bartholomew*

Every PTA should create a Code of Conduct signature page to protect themselves for board members (and chairs) to sign to agree to the rules of conducting business. It's an accountability method for their words and actions in person, via email, online, etc.

Example can be found on the WSPTA website.

Some PTAs have a Conflict of Interest form as well.

ZOOM BOMBING Incident

Wendy Maruchek at IHPTSA: This week, during a Zoom meeting (link is posted on their website and is public, without a waiting room, for ease of accessibility), about halfway through the meeting, two people logged on and started causing problems (renamed themselves to the host and said awful things during the chat - sexual and racist). Not having a registration for the event made it difficult to vet people to get back into the meeting. IHPTSA posted an apology and sent an apology to those they knew had attended.

Christina Smedegaard shared what they did at Cougar Ridge and suggestions included checking AIM to see coverage and add for social media if you don't have it. Get permission from families for posting photos/videos of students. They put the login information in their newsletter and post on facebook to email Christina for the login. Check your settings prior to the meeting.

Hannah Colbentz - ParentWiser uses Zoom Webinar which PTAs can work with Hannah to use it for presentations they are conducting.

Standing Committees

Art - Laurelle Graves

Met with Karen Harmon the new ISD elementary art person. Coordinators should have gotten an email with the link to the new YouTube channel created for art lessons.

There have been requests from teachers for docents, but Laurelle was told they are not allowed to do art lessons during the school day or during asynchronous time. She will find out what ideas Karen has for that. There are still parents that want to help.

FACE - Alicia Spinner

November meeting with coordinators and the district. Reminder to share assistance programs in newsletters and websites.

Outreach - Darci Hanley & Tracie Jones; Carolyn Kennedy, Issaquah Schools Foundation

Many different programs under Outreach, coordinating with FACE and Special Education. Reach out to any one of them for questions and concerns. They are coordinating together.

Holiday Gift Barn: Looking for \$25 gift cards this year. They can be dropped off at the Food Bank. Information is available on the Food Bank website! Parents can do this directly and not have to go through PTA.

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank: Food support: ISD is offering food for under 18 years old on Mondays and Thursdays at specified building for pickup. More information is forthcoming for additional support and distribution.

Dr. Almy talked to confidentiality issues for helping to deliver food and supplies to families that cannot get to the distribution sites. This is a conversation that needs to be with Martin Tourney (Operations). Dr. Almy will facilitate and set that up with Erin.

Issaquah Schools Foundation - focus right now is on basic needs so collaborating with Outreach, FACE, Special Education.

Erin Eaton shared we are working with the Issaquah Schools Foundation on messaging and branding so that both organizations preserve their programs to be recognized as PTA program or Foundation programs.

ParentWiser - Hannah Colbentz

Featured speaker of the year, Julie Lythcott-Haims, presented *How to Raise Successful Kids Without Overparenting* last night and was amazing. Will be posted to the ParentWiser website soon. June 9th was Hannah's first meeting with Julie. She will be back in April after her next book is published. Coming up:

- December 9 - *Beyond Behavior; Understand and Solve Your Students' Behavioral Challenges* with Mona Delahooke PhD
- January 20 - *Stress and Anxiety* with Lisa Damour Ph.D.

Special Education - *Betsy Grant*

First webinar is posted and working on the next one. It is available through the Council Special Education webpage.

Reach out to Betsy if you haven't received an email from her or have any questions.

Webmaster - *Cindy Kelm*

No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

Clever/Canvas Support - *Cortney Eldridge*

The district had planned on a 3-year rollout of Canvas, but it became a 3-month rollout. Canvas doesn't play well with Skyward and it is taking teachers much longer to get grades and information in. Skyward is the end word on grades and information.

Influence the Choice - *Katie Moeller*

Jerry Blackburn is doing a Lunch & Learn zoom call.

Issaquah Schools Foundation - *Carolyn Kennedy*

Ambassador meeting.

Reflections - *Kristen Allen-Bentzen, Leah Gibson, & Heather Bratton*

All but 2 schools participated. Working on moving the art around for judging which will take about a month to complete.

Issaquah Education Association - *Derona Burkholder*

The IEA has been collaboratively working with ISD to discuss and bargain of all the aspects of this year and created an agreement special populations and currently working on K-3 phase-in approach. Will continue to work and collaborate with ISD.

Erin Eaton thanked the IEA and all the educators for the tremendous amount of work and management that they are doing.

District Updates - *Dr. Josh Almy, Deputy Superintendent*

- The ISD continues to work collaboratively with the IEA to navigate this year's challenges.
- Completed a survey with 4 different groups around how the high school schedule is going (students, teachers, parents, HS paraprofessional in HS classrooms). Will go over the data starting tonight.
- District had planned for a hybrid schedule and had to flip to full remote. Feedback from summer groups that the more contacts per week, the better, from students and teachers. Results will be made public after analysis.
- Have not received much feedback on how middle school schedules, so they have not yet been surveyed.

- New survey for K-12 parents, students, and teachers around student engagement coming soon. It is being translated for those Sent via email addresses, but also in eNews. Launching December 7th.
- Boundary Review Committee: Opening 2 schools ES 16 and MS 6 in September 2021. One parent per school to be on the committee. All meetings are open to the public.
- Working on getting together conditioning pods at the high school level (pods of 5 or less). Look for information on that in eNews in the next week.
- Pandemic situation is constantly changing and will continue to navigate it as best as they can.
- Reach out to Dr. Almy with any questions you may have.
- Special School Board Meeting on November 23rd at 6:00 pm. Will be broadcast on the ISD YouTube channel.
- December School Board meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9th.
- PTA is allowed to get contact information within their school communities, minus anyone who opted out. If making it as an online directory, it must be secured with passwords.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourned at 11:15 am.

Submitted by:

Cindy Kelm

Secretary, Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6