
Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. 51 people signed in. 23 of 24 schools were represented. Proper meeting notice was given. **Quorum Present.**

Welcome - *Erin Eaton*

Erin welcomed everyone.

Business

Secretary - *Cindy Kelm*

November 19, 2020 Minutes will be filed as presented.

Will be sending out the council attendance verification to PTA/PTSAs for awards submissions.

Treasurer - *Pauline Tamblyn*

Treasurer reports for November 2020, December 2020, and YTD are posted on the website.

Membership - (OPEN)

Position still open.

President's Report - *Erin Eaton*

No report.

Reports

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

No report.

Best Practices / SOA - Time for the mid-year financial review, 1099s to be sent, your 1096 to the IRS. .

Standing Committees

Art - *Laurelle Graves*

Art lessons going up online for Apollo. Anyone that is interested should email Laurelle.

FACE - Alicia Spinner

FACE coordinators are working very nicely together creating a great community. Would really like to share this resource with the whole school community. Still have some schools that do not have a coordinator: Briarwood, Clark, Maple Hills, Maywood, PLMS, and Liberty.

Working with Outreach on the Angel Program. Would like to see it district wide with the information easily, and consistently, found.

Outreach - Darci Hanley & Tracie Jones

Eastside Baby Corner is opening for donations. Must schedule online for a donation drop off time. Power Packs will be beginning. Talk with your school counselors to promote this.

KCLS will be having a presentation in February with several authors, including Melinda Gates. Information will be in the Outreach Newsletter.

Angel Programs - Looking for feedback from all of the schools describing their Angel Program and the tenants and how/what your school allows. Contact Alicia Spinner or Tracie Jones with questions.

Lunch for the Break has not been planned for this year. The Power Packs Plus and current food support is covering this year.

ParentWiser - Hannah Colbentz

Upcoming Events:

- February 10 - Upstanders Panel Discussion. Film to be viewed at home for the 48 hours prior. Details and instructions will be emailed to registered attendees.
- March 3 - Gretchen Wagner. Studying Techniques for every style of learner
- April 21 - Julie Lythcott-Haims. Life Skills (*students invited*)

Working on Spring Survey - please poll your boards and let Hannah know what is working, or not working, what would be useful for your school or grade levels.

Safety - Laurelle Graves

ISD is going back to school, so reminder to check on your school's emergency supplies and see what needs to be replaced or supplemented.

Special Education - Betsy Grant

Just recorded a second webinar with Dr. Dana Bailey. This will be posted on the website and YouTube channel for viewing in the next few days.

Looking for special education reps at each unit/building. Please contact Betsy with questions on what this may look like.

Webmaster - Cindy Kelm

No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

Influence the Choice - Katie Moeller

No report.

Issaquah Schools Foundation - Carolyn Kennedy

Grant announcements happening today and tomorrow. Fifteen grants this year and \$35,000 in support to the schools.

Nourish Every Mind will be virtual, the evening of April 29th at 7pm. Small online auction April 16-26

Impact Scholarships are open... please help promote at the HS level.

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

52 items moved on to state. Chairs are picking up art, certificates and ribbons.

District Updates - Dr. Josh Almy, Deputy Superintendent

- **Boundary Review Committee** - Have met 4 times so far. Final meeting will be Feb 4. 40 voting members (20 principals and 20 parent reps from those schools.). Opening EL 16 and MS 6 in Fall 2021. The next boundary review should be when HS 4 is ready. HS 4 is still working through the process in building.
- **Vaccinations** - Approved by the State of Washington to be a vaccination sites (over 4000 applications from across the state). Working hard on preparing to be set up and ready to administer vaccines within 24-48 hours once received. Issaquah High School will be a central location for a vaccination site. Facilities has set up a traffic flow keeping people separated from students/staff at the school. Swedish will supply additional medical personnel that can administer vaccines.
- **Return to School - K-1 February (4th target date)** - Bargaining with partners to work to make that happen. Parents are being informed around classes, teachers, etc. Superintendent Thiele will give an update at tonight's school board meeting. Facilities will not have close contact between people coming for vaccinations and those attending and working at the school. Needing about 9 days lead time, so announcement was sent out early to be able make that February 4th target date.
- **Question asked** as to whether remote learning will be continued long term for families that would like that: It will be an option for the remainder of this school year, but no decision has been made for beyond that at this point. Will circle back to this as we make our way through the school year.
- **Question asked:** Will class sizes for remote be larger than they are now? ISD is hiring additional remote teachers to keep class sizes similar to what they are now.
- **Question asked:** Will families be able to change their decision later in the year? Will have to get back next month with an answer on this.

Nominating Committee - looking to elect our committee at the February Membership Meeting.

New Business

The Standards of Affiliation (SOA) checklist nor the Standards of Excellence Award binders are not required to be turned in, however, you should still follow and complete the SOA checklist for best practices and keep that completed checklist in your files.

Discussion surrounding what to do if your entire board is exiting at the end of this year. We will continue to look into that and provide some answers.

Adjourned at 10:54 am.

Submitted by:

Cindy Kelm

Secretary, Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6