

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:32 am. 38 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

January 28, 2021 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 January 2021 and YTD are posted on the website.

Membership - (OPEN)

Position still open.

President's Report - Erin Eaton

Asked for 3 members for our nominating committee for next year's positions. Searching for candidates for our Executive Committee: President, VP High & Middles, VP of Elementary North/Central/South, Secretary, and Treasurer. Requirements for president must to have been a unit president and served on the Council board. VP requirements are they must to have been a unit president.

Reports

Vice Presidents - Carla Geraci, Nicole Morgan, Lauren Bartholomew

No report.

Best Practices / SOA - Erin Eaton

Should be getting your awards committee and nominating committees going.

Standing Committees

Advocacy - *Cortney Eldridge*

The five legislative priorities are available on the Washington State PTA website. Two have calls to action:

- * Senate Bill 5078 on Gun Safety to restrict the sale and transfer of high capacity magazines.
- * House Bill 1476 is an Enrollment Stabilization bill to support students and preserve education funding.

Art - *Laurelle Graves*

No report..

FACE - *Alicia Spinner*

FACE Coordinators will meet on March 9 and then on March 11 with the district.

Cultural Bridges last issue of this school year is being worked on. Asking presidents and communications at each unit for any events you are having beginning with April through any summer events you may be planning.

Please keep in mind to fill a FACE position at your school for next year. Anyone interested can contact Alicia with questions or to discuss what the position may entail.

Outreach - *Darci Hanley & Tracie Jones*

Met with the Student Equity Council talking about networking with the student populations at all of the high schools to identify needs and ways they can support.

Eastside Baby Corner & Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank will be running small events. Check their websites for information and to sign up to help or to donate.

ParentWiser - *Hannah Colbentz*

Upcoming Events:

- March 3 - Gretchen Wagner. Studying Techniques for every style of learner
- April 21 - Julie Lythcott-Haims. Life Skills (*students invited*), 7pm

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.

Annual survey will be coming out in April.

Please look to fill a Parent Ed reps position at your school. ParentWiser has a lot of things to do that can be done 100% at home. Contact Hannah with any questions.

Safety - *Laurelle Graves*

No report.

Special Education - *Betsy Grant*

Webinar on LRC1 students returning to in person and staying remote and what that means with services. Available on our council website.

A new webinar will be recorded in a few weeks.

Working on building the special education communication network.

Please consider having a Special Education chair. Contact Betsy with any questions.

Webmaster - Cindy Kelm

Council now has a YouTube channel where the Special Education Webinars are housed and linked to from our website.

Webmaster position is open for next year.

Ad Hoc Committees

Influence the Choice - Katie Moeller

Video Contest is open through April 9th for middle and high school.

Virtual Spring Fun Run - April 5-30th. Safe and distanced finish line on May 1st to collect items. The school with the most miles will get a plaque that will move from school to school each year. Everyone can participate.

Information on both events are available on the website with today's meeting documents. Contact Katie with any questions.

Awards

Please send the names of your Golden Acorn winners to Council at awards@issaquahpts.org by April 15th..

Issaquah Schools Foundation - Carolyn Kennedy

Nourish Every Mind will be virtual, the evening of April 29th at 7pm.

Small online auction April 16-26. Please advertise and invite people to attend. If you would like to help with the auction, contact Carolyn.

Impact Scholarships close February 28th available on Foundation website at please help promote at the HS level.

Tools for Schools is coming up. Looking for volunteers to help out in a variety of ways.

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

Will be reaching out in May to see if Reflections chairs will be continuing on next year. Please look for reflections chairs for next year if you don't have one..

District Updates - Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent

- **Boundary Review Committee** - recommendation was accepted and established new boundaries for the new middle and elementary schools.
- **Vaccinations** - Could be getting the first batch of vaccinations in the next few weeks.
- Secondary survey will be going out for middle school families.
- **School Athletics** - Nearly 1000 already participating at High School. Will be offering opportunities for Middle School after the time change.
- Re-opening template from OSPI-for receiving the Federal & State covid dollars. In process of completing this and discussing with the the school board next week.
Timelines are all subject to collective bargaining processes.
- Bargaining the 2021-2022 calendar.

- Significant decline in enrollment (around 1,500 students) and as a result there will likely be a reduction in force, most will likely be on the teacher side. There will likely be support and admin reductions as well.
- Optimistic that all students will be back in the buildings in Fall 2021 if we continue on the mitigation path that we have been on.

QUESTIONS:

- *Will masks still be required for Fall 2021?* That is a Department of Health call, but this is anticipated to be the case. ISD will continue to work with the Department of Health and Department of Education to follow the guidelines set forth.
- *Remote learning available next year?* This is being considered and looking into options, possibly with a consortium of neighboring districts. Challenging to the budget process.
- *Before we answer the Middle school survey, will parents know what the day to day schedule will look like?* This will be subject to labor agreements. There is not currently a full plan as those conversations are happening now.
- *Will we still have the Smarter Balance Assessment this year?* We have not yet heard back from the Department of Education about getting a waiver for this year.
- *Will the Science Technology Magnet and/or the Dual Language programs be continuing next year and when will that information be available?* A Yes. There are no plans to cancel either program.
- *Will students be able to attend events, especially seniors?* KingCo League currently says that the home team can allow spectators as long as adhering to the current opening phase requirements. WIAA for phase 2 is a total of 200 people in the entire stadium. It was announced yesterday from IHS that no spectators will be in the stands for football.
- *Last week ISD approved a walking graduation (of some sort) for our Seniors in their high school stadiums - could Ron share some information on that?* More information will come out directly from the high schools closer to graduation.. Contracts have not been canceled with T-Mobile Park. Looking to create as many in person, mitigated, opportunities for our students as we can.

Nominating Committee & Election -

Volunteers to join the committee are Lauren Bartholomew, Cortney Eldridge, and Alicia Spinner. Pursuant to the *Washington State PTA Bylaws*, having called for any additional names for serving on this committee and hearing none, the election of nominating committee for the 2021-2022 school year will take place. All nominees are confirmed to be current PTA members for at least 15 days.

The 2021 Nominating Committee has been election by unanimous vote.

New Business

Convention will be May 18-23, 2021. Watch the Washington State PTA website for more details as they become available.

QUESTION: *PTSA Board Membership: with this difficult time recruiting new board members, would someone whose 2 year limit is over be able to continue for a 3rd year? Or is that a strict rule?* This is a strict rule for the executive committee being limited to 2 years in a position. Typically, you should have a President and a Treasurer at minimum. This should be outlined in your standing rules. President & VP can be appointed as interim until that position can be filled.

AUCTIONS & FUNDRAISING - Discussion on fundraising in lieu of in-person auctions. Many PTAs solicit Pass the Hat donations at the start of the year. Some have done another Pass the Hat ask later in the fall. Sunset, Maple Hills, and Newcastle will be doing online auctions.

Adjourned at 11:23 am.

Submitted by:

Cindy Kelm

Secretary, Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6