
Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. 41 people signed in. 23 of 24 schools were represented. Proper meeting notice was given. **Quorum Present.**

Welcome - Erin Eaton

Erin welcomed everyone.

Consent Agenda - Erin Eaton

- February 25, 2021 Minutes
- February 2021 and YTD Treasurer Reports

Consent agenda was approved with no comments.

VOICE - Tina Weber & Heidi Kayler

Finishing up 16th year, started under the Issaquah Schools Foundation and the last 2 years with ISD. Support K-12 with extra support for students referred through counselors. The list of students needing VOICE mentors has a lengthy waitlist.

Would like to attend a General Membership Meeting to talk about VOICE.

Recruiting mentors now for next year.

Website: <http://bit.ly/VOICEISD>

Business

Secretary - Cindy Kelm

No report. February 25, 2021 Minutes will be filed as presented.

Treasurer - Pauline Tamblyn

Treasurer reports for February 2021 and YTD are posted on the website.

Membership - (OPEN)

Position open. No report.

President's Report - Erin Eaton

Working with State and the Service Delivery Team in working on getting the new schools set up with PTAs. Next step meeting with the principals.

April 2 - Interest Meeting

April 12 - Affiliation Meeting (one for each school), begin the application process

Charter memberships require 25+ members.

Reports

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

No report.

Best Practices / SOA - Nicole Morgan

April 15th - sales tax is due.

May 1st - draft submissions for Leg Assembly

Make sure that all your board members are fully trained.

Standing Committees

Advocacy - Cortney Eldridge

Attended the National Legislative Conference. Delegates from every state. Spoke with Senators Murray and Cantwell, and Representative Schrier about making robust investments in education.

Art - Laurelle Graves

No report..

FACE - Alicia Spinner

Will begin offering training for FACE Coordinators as well as all board members. Contact Alicia for details.

Outreach - Darci Hanley & Tracie Jones

Next newsletter coming up at the beginning of April and will include information about the Angel Programs.

Hosting a meeting in mid-late April for transition toward next year.

ParentWiser - Hannah Colbentz

Final event of the year: April 21 - Julie Lythcott-Haims. Life Skills (*students invited*), 7pm

Annual survey is ready to go out. The results will drive the program for next year.

Safety - Laurelle Graves

No report.

Special Education - Betsy Grant

Emails will go out to special education representatives or to presidents if you do not yet have a special education representative for your building.

Webinar #4 is available on the council website.

Webmaster - Cindy Kelm

No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

Awards - Laurelle Graves, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, & Cindy Kelm

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

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.

Issaquah Schools Foundation - Carolyn Kennedy

Nourish Every Mind - April 29th at 7pm, virtual.

Online Auction April 16-26.

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

Nominating Committee - Lauren Bartholomew, Cortney Eldridge, & Alicia Spinner

Recommendations are being sought until April 4th.

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

State winners include students from:

- Issaquah High PTSA - *Dance Choreography*
- Skyline High PTSA - *Literature & Music Composition*
- Beaver Lake Middle PTSA - *Film Production*
- Issaquah Middle PTSA - *Literature*
- Pine Lake Middle PTSA - *Photography*
- Apollo PTA - *Special Artist Visual Arts*
- Creekside PTSA - *Photography (Gr 3-5)*
- Endeavour Elementary PTA - *Film Production (Pre-K - 2) & Literature (Gr 3-5)*
- Issaquah Valley PTA - *Music Composition (Pre-K - 2) & Visual Arts (Gr 3-5)*

VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools) - Dawn Peschek

Sent email to all presidents explaining what VIS and what they do. Asking to maintain a line item on your budgets for a donation. Donations are only sought from PTAs, educators, and community businesses.

Equity Training Opportunities - Lorna Gilmour & Sharon Roy

Alicia has asked for training on *Cultural Competency and Equity*. *Leading for Equity* is the main starting point for training.

Would like to hold a general training for everyone in addition to visiting General Membership Meetings to speak at individual PTAs.

District Updates - Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent

- Students are beginning to get back in the buildings. We now have an in-person option for all elementary grades. Secondary will be back starting April 15th.
- Optimistic and hopeful that graduation will be held at T-Mobile Park on June 11, 2021 for the comprehensive high schools. Gibson Ek will be June 10, 2021, but is not yet set for location.
- Athletic Programs at the high schools are going.
- ISD COVID webpage - increasing COVID activity in the district. It has been expected due to the increase of in-person activity. Our rates per 100,000 is still low. People seem to be handling this well. ISD has not seen much in the way of internal spread. Mask wearing, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing continues.
- Physical distancing - CDC has changed recommendation from 6ft to 3ft for students. Washington Department of Health and the King County Department of Health are looking into that.
- Full return in the fall with that 3-foot social distancing is anticipated.
- Appreciative of the bargaining teams and all of the work and hours that they have put in through these changes to make this happen for our students.

QUESTIONS:

- *Staff Appreciation in May - will PTSA be able to go into the buildings for this?* Many MOUs currently will not allow volunteers into the building, but things are constantly changing. We do not want the return to school to become a spreader event.
Make sure to touch base with the building principal about this as well.
- *PTAs are starting to see funding requests for A/V shortfalls (screens, headphones, etc) - even when a need is identified, there are some ongoing availability issues. It is appropriate to ask if they are using building funds, have they asked ISD, and/or are you partnering for this? Funds are less of an issue than availability is.*
- *What will the secondary students schedule look like?* Minimum of 2 days a week in-person with lunch in cohorts. Governor's proclamation is to have 30% of what a normal school week would look like in-person. Details are not set. Bargaining for MOUs is currently happening.
- *There have been informal surveys suggesting that secondary students will need a laptop. Will there be laptops available to students if they need them?* We have enough machines, but they are not all laptops.

- *When will our district become a 1 to 1 technology district?* No. This was not part of our last Capital Levy.
- Enrollment is down and there will be a reduction in force (RIF). However, as enrollment comes back, ISD will recall staff. ISD will not have a budget set from the state before the RIF letters need to be delivered.

New Business

Huge shout out to all of our teachers - we appreciate all that they are doing!

Adjourned at 11:39 am.

Submitted by:

Cindy Kelm

Secretary, Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6