

ISSAQUAH PTSA COUNCIL

Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community

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Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6 Council General Membership Meeting September 30, 2021 9:30 AM – Via Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM, on September 30, 2021.
- 35 people were in attendance: Lauren Bartholomew, Dr. Josh Almy, Wendy Cummins, Erin Eaton, Laila Collins, Cornell Atwell, Kristen Allen Bentsen, Pauline Tamblyn, Cortney, Eldridge, Katie Moeller, Nicole Morgan, Alicia Spinner, Hannah Colbenz, Laura Ni, Angela Dahrea, Mary Vickers, Stephanie Shipley, Abby White, Stephanie Scott, Julie Chang, Eve Yen, Korista Smith-Barney, Tara Farhead, Betsy Grant, Tiffany Parker, Joana Figueiredo, Jillian Born, Kristi Hammond, Qibo Fan, Laura Burnett, Derona Burkholder, Lena Wiegering, Tracie Jones.
- Proper meeting notice given; quorum present.

President's Welcome and Introductions

Lauren Bartholomew

- Lauren Bartholomew welcomed everyone in attendance, making formal introductions.

Consent Agenda

Lauren Bartholomew

- The Consent Agenda included the following documents:
 - May 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - June 2021 Financial Report
 - July 2021 Financial Report
 - August 2021 Financial Report
 - 2020-21 End of Year Financial Report

Business

Secretary

Tracie Jones

- Minutes from May 27, 2021 filed as presented.

Treasurer

Pauline Tamblyn

- Reviewed Proposed 2021-22 Issaquah Council PTSA Annual Budget, with all proposed changes; one budget modification: ParentWiser received additional funding from Issaquah Schools Foundation.
 - MOTION #1 – Proposed 2021-22 Issaquah Council PTSA Annual Budget was motioned for approval. The motion was seconded, voted on, and unanimously passed.
- Reminder: 2021-22 Council dues reduced to \$50 for this year, request payment.
- Reminder: AIM Insurance to be paid, and copy of certificate sent to Pauline for the district.

President's Report

Lauren Bartholomew

- Council Outreach, Membership, VP-Elementaries South are open positions.
- Proposed Standing Rules 2021-22
- Proposed Mission & Goals 2021-22
- Lauren Bartholomew reviewed updated 2021-22 Council Mission & Goals, Standing Rules, along with all proposed changes.
 - MOTION #2 – Proposed 2021-22 Standing Rules and Mission and Goals was motioned for approval. The motion was seconded, voted on, and unanimously passed.

Vice Presidents

Erin Eaton, Nicole Morgan, Wendy Cummins

- No report.

Best Practices

Nicole Morgan

- September 2021 overview for Standards of Affiliation.
- Reminder: All elected BOD Members must attend one training class, and provide training record.
- One unit BOD Member must attend "PTA and the Law" each year.
 - Monthly "PTA and the Law" sessions offered from WA State PTA.
- Voting Delegates form required by October 8th, 2021.

Standing Committees**Advocacy**

Cortney Eldridge

- Council Goal: Provide more awareness to statewide advocacy, educating more families to thoughtfully stand for advocacy issues that matter.
- Video presented providing Council Advocacy overview.
- Candidate Forum presented October 18, 2021:
 - Encourage families to attend and submit questions.
 - Committee to help facilitate questions, narrowing questions to highlight issues.
- Voting Delegates form required before October 8th, 2021:
 - Four delegates for first 200 membership members.
 - One additional delegate per/+100 members.

Art Docent

Laurelle Graves

- Coordination meeting with Karen Harmon, ISD Coordinator, on October 11, 2021.
- Contact Laurelle for information, if unit has not been already contacted.

FACE

Alicia Spinner

- Monthly calendar meetings with unit FACE Chairs; First Monday of each month, 1:00 PM. Discussing role within school, ISD Equity training, learning about communities.
- Several open FACE Chair positions throughout ISD.

Outreach

Lauren Bartholomew

- Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank needs volunteers.
- Holiday Gift Card Program collection begins first week in December.
- Winter clothing drive targeting January.
- PowerPacks are coordinated with school counselors and administration.

ParentWiser

Hannah Colbenz

- "Building Resilience and Positive Coping Skills", with Dr. Laura Kastner, October 13, 2021.
- Another year of virtual Zoom events.
- ParentWiser resources available to facilitate further unit discussions / presentations.

Special Education

Betsy Grant

- Current Webinar details ISD recovery services and IEP meetings.
- Working on next webinar. Questions for Dr. Dana Bailey, ISD Assistant Superintendent of Special Services, email Betsy Grant – Council Special Education Chair.

Ad Hoc Committees**Influence the Choice**

Katie Moeller

- Focus: Substance misuse and mental health issues with our students.
- ISD Healthy Youth Survey – 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th graders across ISD.
 - Encourage students to take seriously as survey result calculate ISD efforts and directives. Data source for ISD research.
- TECH – "Teens Encouraging Community Health" youth group.
 - Empowering students, small but mighty, voice for good. Currently recruiting students.

- Hiring: Development Director and Executive Director.

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Laila Collins

- No report

Reflections

Kristen Allen-Bentsen & Heather Bratton

- Two Zoom training sessions completed, and well attended.
- Encouraging Reflections unit chairs to provide virtual programs, due to health restrictions.
- Five ISD schools still looking for Reflections Chairs.
- Theme, "I will Change the World by..."

Issaquah School District Updates

Dr. Josh Almy

- ISD is grateful, expressing sincere gratitude towards all teachers, students, working hard.
- End of October 2021, ISD will assess students, using Universal Screeners, in accordance with district PBSES standards.
- New ISD Data Dashboard will be updated 10/4/21; expanded categories, data for mobile users.
- About 90% of high school students are vaccinated.
- According to OSPI, expect 5–11-year-old vaccine roll-out mid- to late-October.
 - Early November WA State vaccine roll-out.
 - Low ISD elementary outbreak numbers due to ISD safety protocols, thanks to students, staff, bus drivers, and administrators.
- Return to Learn – In-school rapid antigen testing available district-wide, next week.
 - Current testing in 8 ISD schools; training remaining schools to increase participation.
 - 10-15 minute test results on site; approved by King County Health Department.
- Unvaccinated students in close contact with possible outbreak cases must agree to at-school testing through a 9-day cycle to remain in school.
 - Parents must authorize agreement prior to testing; approved by King County Health Department.
- Shortage of rapid-antigen tests, nationwide; ISD will offer testing as long as tests are available.
- ISD School Board requested Ron Thiele create a Levy Proposal for possible April 2022.
 - Ron Thiele, Martin Turney, and Dr. Josh Almy will lead committee.
 - Proposal due end of January 2022.
- Seattle and King County Public Proclamation, taking effect October 25, 2021, does not apply to elementary, middle and high schools.
 - Verification of full vaccination status or a negative test to enter outdoor public events of 500 or more people, and indoor entertainment, recreational establishments. live music, performing arts, gyms, restaurants, and bars.
- Healthy Youth Survey Results
 - ISD contacts parents before students with concerns taken from student input.
- ISD Bussing
 - ISD Transportation is currently working to mitigate COVID spread, overcrowded busses, and traffic patterns.
 - Students required to wear masks, sit in assigned seats, and keep windows down.
 - Busses are less crowded than at beginning of year.
 - ISD is not currently hiring drivers or buying new busses.
 - Police support in more congested traffic patterns.
 - High school student drivers are still learning.
- Volunteer opportunities will be opening at certain schools for extended programs.
 - Challenging to process all volunteers, including vaccination exemptions for those individuals.
- ISD is hiring Paraprofessionals, custodians, and office staff.
Currently 40 open paraprofessional positions.

New Business

Lauren Bartholomew

- Family contact information is directly released to an individual, unit PTSA BOD member, who must sign non-disclosure form, for directory upload. Contact school administrators.
- Thank you, and look forward to next Council Meeting, on October 28, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Jones
Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6, Secretary

Addendum

Attachments: IssaquahPTSA.org – Meeting Documents

May 2021 Meeting Minutes
June 2021 Financials
July 2021 Financials
August 2021 Financials
2020-21 Financial Review
2021-22 Proposed Council Budget
2021-22 Proposed Mission and Goals
2021-22 Proposed Standing Rules
Best Practices: September SOA Guidelines
Reflections Training Slideshow

2021-22 Issaquah PTSA Council

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High Schools: Gibson Ek, Issaquah High, Liberty, Skyline

OPEN POSITION

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South Elementaries: Apollo, Briarwood, Maple Hills, Newcastle

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North: Cascade Ridge, Cedar Trails, Challenger, Creekside, Discovery, Endeavour, Sunny Hills

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Central: Clark, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, Issaquah Valley, Sunset North

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