

ISSAQUAH PTSA COUNCIL

Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community

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Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6 Council General Membership Meeting April 28, 2022 9:30 AM

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 9:32 AM, April 28, 2022, at ISD Administrative Offices and via Zoom.
- 49 Community and Membership members were in attendance: Superintendent Ron Thiele, Leshia Engles, Lauren Bartholomew, Jillian Born, Heather Bratton, Laura Burnett, Julie Chang, Hannah Colbenz, Shanna Collins, Laila Collins, Dana Cosgrove, Wendy Cummins, Angela Dahrea, Erin Eaton, Cortney Eldridge, Qibo Fan, Tara Farhead, Joana Figueiredo, Emily Gardner, Minal Ghassemish, Betsy Grant, Laurelle Graves, Kristi Hammond, Meridith King, Erin Longchari, Amy M, Jen Marks, Karissa Mobilia, Katie Moeller, Anne Moore, Nicole Morgan, Laura Ni, Tiffany Parker, Dawn Peschek, Elysa Piha, Stephanie Scott, Stephanie Shipley, Korista Smith-Barney, Alicia Spinner, Jessica Stagg, Pauline Tamblyn, Derona Uzzle, Mary Vickers, Melissa Sonders, Suzanne Weaver, Kim Wilkinson, Meng Yang, Eve Yen, May Young, and Tracie Jones.
- Proper meeting notice given; quorum present.

President's Welcome and Introductions

Lauren Bartholomew

- Lauren Bartholomew welcomed everyone in attendance to start meeting.
- Presentation of WA State PTA and Issaquah PTSA Council Induction Awards, by Melissa Sonders, Region 2 - Services Delivery Team.
 - Cedar Trails PTSA, Cougar Mountain PTSA, and Issaquah Special Education PTSA.

Consent Agenda

Lauren Bartholomew

- Consent Agenda included following documents, with Motions approved:
 - April 2022 Meeting Minutes.
 - April 2022 Financial Reports.

Business

Secretary

Tracie Jones

- April 2022 Minutes filed as presented.

Treasurer

Pauline Tamblyn

- April 2022 Financials filed as presented.

President's Report

Lauren Bartholomew

- Washington State PTA Convention – May 20-22, 2022.
 - Convention counts towards next year's training credit.
 - In-person and remote Convention held May 20-22, 2022, at Lynnwood Convention Center.
 - Recorded, online content available through July 11, 2022.
 - Units need to prepare Delegate forms for Convention.
- Council Awards Ceremony held May 10, 2022, at IHS.
- Council End of Year Celebration held May 26, 2022; details and invitations to follow.

Golden Acorn Awards

Laurelle Graves

- Congratulations to Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Heather Bratton, and Joana Figueiredo.

Vice Presidents

Wendy Cummins, Erin Eaton, Nicole Morgan

- No report.

Best Practices

Nicole Morgan

- April, May, June SOE, updated monthly SOEs may be found on website.

Standing Committees**Advocacy**

Cortney Eldridge

- No report.

Art Docent

Laurelle Graves

- No report.

FACE

Alicia Spinner

- No report.

Outreach

Angela Dahrea

- ISD Breakfast Program, joint team with ISF and Carolyn Kennedy.
 - Direct contacts: school nurses, secretaries, counselors, and principals, personalized/school.
 - Equity need, not equal need.
 - PTA representative needs to complete spreadsheet, and fully completed in order to comply with program regulations, budgeting, and reimbursements.
 - Nurses maintain receipts, and share spending information for program reporting.
 - Angela Dahrea and Carolyn Kennedy main contacts.
- Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank.
 - Erin Longchari, guest speaker.
 - Regularly scheduled food drives around most highly requested food items = more efficient sourcing throughout the year.
 - Sourcing food inventory from Unit PTAs scheduling, reducing important gaps.
 - Set numbers of food items/things for across programming.
 - Increases in services increased 30%.
 - Power Packs more than doubled pre-pandemic.
 - Lunch for Break also greatly increased, pointing to need from community.
 - Protein, canned fruit, breakfast, snacks, mac and cheese.
 - WA State Superintendents Association Awards recipient. (Congratulations!)
 - THANK YOU!

ParentWiser

Hannah Colbenz

- Spring Survey – welcome suggestions from Council and greater community.

Special Education

Betsy Grant

- Upcoming Webinar to discuss multi-tiered services, next week.
 - Top three Special Services leadership.
- Special Education meetings being set-up for SPED network.
 - Goals moving forward, finding representatives, and welcome new Special Education PTSA.

Website & Communications

Laura Ni

- No report.

Ad Hoc Committees**Influence the Choice**

Katie Moeller

- Youth Action Forum held May 10, 2022, via Zoom.
 - Review 2021 Healthy Youth Surveys.
- 10th Annual INFLUENCE THE CHOICE Student Video Contest.
 - Inspire others to POSITIVELY influence, producing 2-minute public service announcement.
 - Awards ceremony held May 18, 2022, at LHS, and in-person.

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Laila Collins

- Nourish Every Mind May Month-long Event.
 - Looking for volunteers, sponsors, auction donations.
 - Auction takes place May 6-15, 2022.
 - +40 videos discussing Foundation experiences.
 - Website get notifications regarding NEM.
 - Mental health training with counselors, ISF supports funding ID students in crisis.
 - Involve new and younger families
 - Thank you to all who've supported, donated to ISF Auction and NEM.
 - Encourage Social Media support with Unit PTAs
 - In-person event this summer involving meeting new superintendent.

Reflections

Kristen Allen-Bentsen & Heather Bratton

- No report.

Safety

Laurelle Graves

- No report.

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools

Dawn Peschek and Karissa Mobilia

- Ballots being counted – hopeful good news.
- Thank you to all our speakers, advocates, volunteers for going out into the community, informing public, post cards, social media, honk and waves, all the little things that make a difference.
- Dana Rundle and Karissa Mobilia will collect signs and other VIS gear for recycled, future use.

Issaquah School District Updates

Superintendent Ron Thiele

- Thank you to everyone working to support ISD through Levies.
 - “Looks like they're going to pass.”
- Costs ISD \$73,000 to run measures on King County Ballots, regardless of # of other County ballot measures.
- Volunteers for Issaquah Schools and community support won the battle = gratitude.
- Structural deficit proposal for budget reductions, becoming a smaller school district, minus 1,600 students anticipated.
 - Lost 1,600 students, this year = -\$23 million.
 - \$11.4 million is reductions across ISD suggested by Superintendent Thiele.
 - Appropriate budget parameters away from classroom.
 - Administrative supports reduced.
 - PBSES primarily reduced within all ISD buildings = enrichment.
 - Not leaving the philosophy, multi-tiered student interventions.
 - Supporting Administrators and Counselors, rather than in-school coach and classroom instruction.
 - SEL and lessons remain.
 - SPED Critical services.
 - RIFs inevitable.
 - Goal = classroom education not compromised.
 - No school counselors being cut.
 - Cost of business going up, so drives up ISD's costs.
 - Takes courage to make these cuts.
 - Trying to maintain sports, programs, social-emotional programs.
 - ISD Admin Building, Principals, and Deans are considered Administrative costs.
 - COVID mitigation requirements have lessened, freeing up some funding.
 - ISD would be bankrupt if we continued spending the \$11.4 million.
 - “OSPI would commandeer the district, which would be a travesty.”
 - \$14,000/kid.
 - Levy advertised PBSES Coaches were promised with the Levy passage, still on website.
 - RIFs will soon be issued.
 - Adding 2 social workers for two buildings.

- District continuing contraction, right now -150 kindergarteners registered.
- Equity Department will be established as funding was passed.
 - Equity goals for each department.
- Tonight's Board Meeting will discuss the Levy, PBSES, \$11.4 million deficit, and budget cuts.
- Multi-tier: not shock to system, state will reevaluate funding, salary funding increases.
- Maywood teacher passed away from cancer diagnosis.
- Robust summer school programs being planned, and needing funding.
- Staffing concerns.
 - Possible staffing cuts with declining enrollment and loss of levy funds = RIFs.
 - Extra staffing required for outside lunches and activities.
 - Worried about SPED continuity, with disruption of staffing security.
 - According to Collective Bargaining agreement, staff are offered new contracts due to seniority, necessity, SPED.
 - SPED: Classroom support, dual language; actively recruiting to fill vacancies.

Issaquah School Board Update

Lesha Engles – ISD Communications Director

- Thank everyone for voting and supporting Levy initiatives.
- Feedback with new website needed, as relaunched at beginning of this year – streamline and tweaking.
- ISD Messaging – Transitioning to new, consistent format for all ISD schools.
 - ISD Schools will no longer include all PTSA activities within weekly newsletters.
 - PTAs only allowed to redirected readers to Unit PTSA websites.
 - No scrolling news allowed due to parent input.
 - Too much information, and not relevant.
 - ADA accessible.
 - More efficiently posted to better support word search-based announcement sorting.
 - No more “flooding family emails”; family reminders.
 - Emergency bulletins will continue to be issued.
 - Unit PTAs need to plan in order to reach families, weeks ahead.

New Business

Lauren Bartholomew

- Thank you for attending today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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