

# ISSAQUAH PTSA COUNCIL

*Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community*

**2.6**

**Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6  
Council General Membership Meeting  
January 26, 2023  
9:30 AM**

**Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 9:32 AM, October 27, 2022, at ISD Administrative Offices and.
- 38 Community and Membership members were in attendance: Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick , Lauren Bartholomew, Hannah Bowen, Laila Collins, Angela Dahrea, Erin Eaton, Laurelle Graves, Nikki Mason, Amy Miller, Karissa Mobilia, Laura Ni, Simran Puri, Stephanie Shipley, Mary Vickers, Suzanne Weaver, Andrea McCormick, Melinda Reynvaan, Rich Mellish, Susan Mundell, Sherri Kokx, Andrea McCormick Anne Moore, Marcel Hauser, Dana Bailey, Tracie Jones. Shannon Mayo, Stephanie Blecher-Maharaj, Kristi Hammond, Sandra Vandero, Shilpa Schuettenthal, Wendy Maracheck, Laura Burnett, Abby White, Meng Yang, Eve Yen, Jessica Stagg, Lisa Haynes and Barbara de Michelle.
- Proper meeting notice given; quorum present.

**President's Welcome and Introductions**

Lauren Bartholomew

- Lauren Bartholomew welcomed all PTSA and Community members in attendance.

**Consent Agenda**

Lauren Bartholomew

- Consent Agenda for December 2022 will include the following documents to be approved at February 2023 General Membership Meeting.
  - December 2022 Financial Reports.

**Business**

**Secretary**

Open

- No report

**Treasurer**

Nikki Mason

- September 2022 Financials filed as presented.
- Insurance, unit dues, forms reminders.

**President's Report**

Lauren Bartholomew

- "Where do I find.....?" Council website is being updated weekly to include latest news, events, and updates.
- Nomination Committee – Vote (Use WAPTA Text). Approved. 2 motions.
- Ad Hoc Committee Chair Katie Mueller has accepted a new position with the City of Issaquah, and will step down from Influence the Choice.
  - Barbara deMichele and Marnie Maraldo will represent ITC on the Council Board until a replacement is found.
- Lisa Haynes, from The Garage, will present a new program, supporting homeless youth in our community.

**Vice Presidents**

Erin Eaton, Laurelle Graves, Tracie Jones

- No report

**Best Practices**

Erin Eaton

- February SOE; found on website.

### Standing Committees

#### Advocacy

Open

- Coordinate Council Advocacy with WA State PTA efforts for future work in Olympia.

#### Art Docent

Laurelle Graves and Pauline Tamblyn

- Art Docent conference held at Clark Elementary.
- Great attendance.
- Parent educators ready to get back into classroom.
- Lessons, opportunities for best practices, discussion, questions, program overview, and updates.
- Partnership with Issaquah Arts Council and ISF.

#### FACE

Alicia Spinner

- No report.

#### Membership

Simran Puri

- No report.

#### Outreach

Angela Dahrea

- Presidents and Outreach Chairs should've received a detailed email with all upcoming news and events.
- Lunch for the Break will have a programming change to note. The Tuesday during February's winter break,, families will receive their supplies for the remainder of month, including Power Packs.
- Join the Outreach Round Table, February 6, 2023.

#### ParentWiser

Hannah Bowen

- Raising Humans in a Digital World
- February 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM, via Zoom
- Presentation, with guest speaker: [Diana Graber](#)
- "Do you have questions about online safety? Do you want to help your students build a healthy relationship with technology? Join us for an evening with Diana Graber!"

#### Special Education

Betsy Grant

- 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

- No report

#### Issaquah Schools Foundation

Laila Collins

- Nourish Every Mind Student Showcase will take place on April 29, 2023, at the Issaquah Community Center, showcasing how ISF positively impacts ISD students, families, schools, programs, extracurricular activities, and the greater community. First time Nourish Every Mind is back, in-person, and it's an uphill battle. Spread the word throughout schools. Help us fill tables. Goal - 400 people. Consider carpooling. Looking for corporate sponsors. All donations go directly to ISF.
- ISF Grant Awards: 27 grants distributed throughout ISD. Higher percentage of awarded grants supported basic needs in elementary education.

#### Reflections

Anjali Tandon

- No report.

#### Safety

Laurelle Graves

- No report.

### Volunteers for Issaquah Schools

No report.

### Issaquah School District Updates

Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick

- “Multi-tiered Systems of Support for Elementary Literacy” presentation, by Rich Mellish, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Services.
  - MTSS, helps schools to identify struggling students early so that they may receive assistance quickly.
  - Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is a framework that helps educators provide academic and behavioral strategies for students with various needs.
  - The Response to Intervention model of assessment originally sought to identify students who would benefit from more intensive supports. From these beginnings as a tool to help improve educational outcomes for students in special education, MTSS has grown to encompass all students at every level.
    - Tier 1 – Universal or primary – Majority of students (75-90%)
    - Tier 2 – Secondary – Small groups of students (10-25%)
    - Tier 3 – Tertiary – Individual students (< 10%)
  - MTSS takes a proactive approach to identifying students with academic or behavioral needs. Early assessment and intervention for these students can help them catch up with their peers sooner. The key components:
    - Universal screening of all students early in the school year,
    - Tiers of interventions that can be amplified in response to levels of need,
    - Ongoing data collection and continual assessment,
    - Schoolwide approach to expectations and supports,
    - Parent involvement.
  - MTSS collects data to assess student needs and provide them with interventions in appropriate tiers.
  - MTSS focuses on the overall needs of individual students, and what may be a Tier 2 intervention in one school might be a Tier 1 in another. It is up to each school to develop an MTSS framework that addresses challenges specific to that school community.
- “What do We Do?” presentation by Melinda Reynvaan and Susan Mundell, Executive Directors of Elementary Education, with Rich Mellish.
  - Work with principal to figure out systems for opportunity, learning, and engagement, or how to do the job well. Supervise 16 principals.
  - We hold monthly building meetings with every school. “Sectionals” help sort out issues from principals’ perspective and building feedback. We specifically ask questions to understand the different needs within schools and across district. Personal development, trainings, working collaboratively with all principals and teachers. We work towards ground level understanding and overview perspective. Digging deeper.
  - Guidance from Rich and Dana support ISD as whole, providing necessary resources.
  - Monthly principal group meetings. Work as “community” to provide tools for learning and space for open discussions.
  - Communicate with families.
  - Identify best practices: Create action plans; reading models; small group instruction. Currently piloting Eureka math blocks program at Clark Elementary.
  - Two programs utilized in elementary schools: Eureka Math and Scaling Bridges (for interventions).
  - Recoup learning? We look towards stretch growth goals., reinforce strong foundational practices. Build bridge, multiple bridges to support learning, while filling in the gaps. School improvement plans have been reevaluated due to feedback and scores. Intentionality in planning.

**New Business**

Lauren Bartholomew

***Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.***

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Respectfully submitted,

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### Issaquah PTSA Council Notes:

- Issaquah PTSA Council serves all local PTAs and PTSAs in the Issaquah School District Council – [IssaquahPTSA.org](http://IssaquahPTSA.org)
- Facebook: Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6
- Washington State PTA Website: [WASstatePTA.org](http://WASstatePTA.org)  
login: PTALeader password: Advocate
- National PTA: [PTA.org](http://PTA.org)
- Upcoming Trainings – [WASstatePTA.org/Events](http://WASstatePTA.org/Events)