

ISSAQUAH PTSA COUNCIL

Advocating and Supporting our Schools & Community

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Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6 Council General Membership Meeting November 17, 2022

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM, November 17, 2022, at ISD Administrative Offices and via Zoom.
- 37 Community and Membership members were in attendance: Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick, Lauren Bartholomew, Stephanie Blecha-Mahara, Laura Burnett, Hannah Bowen, Angela Dahrea, Erin Eaton, Betsy Grant, Laurelle Graves, Rachel Hearn, Meridith King, Meghan Landon, Wendy Maruchek, Nikki Mason, Amy Miller, Kartik Mithal, Katie Moeller, Chelsea Musick, Laura Ni, Elysa Piha, Shilpa Shuttenehm, Stephanie Shipley, Alicia Spinner, Pauline Tamblyn, Anjali Tandon, Mary Vickers, Lena Wiegeling, Sara Woody, Meng Yeng, Laura Gaffney, Abby White, Dana Crossgrove, Jessica Stagg, Shannon Mayo, Jenette Purugganan, Joana Figueiredo and Tracie Jones.
- Proper meeting notice given; quorum present.

President's Welcome and Introductions

Lauren Bartholomew

- Lauren Bartholomew welcomed all PTSA and Community members in attendance.
- Provided Zoom-hybrid protocols for maximizing meeting effectiveness.

Consent Agenda

Lauren Bartholomew

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

Business

Secretary

Open

- October 2022 Minutes filed as presented.

Treasurer

Nikki Mason

- October 2022 Financials filed as presented.
- AIM Insurance Endorsements due; One unit needs to submit Council dues; PTSA and the Law – upcoming training to complete AIM Insurance requirements.
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President's Report

Lauren Bartholomew

- Nominating Committee Reminders – Units need to begin recruitment now; Nomination Slates due week of Spring Break.
- Issaquah PTSA Council nomination requests: Erin Eaton, Angela Dahrea.
- New GMM Agendas will be more reflective of meeting expectations.
- Attempt to collect all ISD and PTSA calendar events to place on Council calendar = one-stop-shop.
- Local PTSA wire withdraw scam happened within ISD.
 - AIM has fraud insurance.
 - Unit PTSAs should not have linked bank accounts; rather, separate checking accounts for direct deposit, which acts as clearing house accounts to prevent scam.
- Unit PTSAs are requested to send last year's end of year budgets to Council President.
 - Council is working to collect new data sets for expenses to statistically illustrate PTSA correlative impact on schools from year to year. Collection of line-item expenses; % spent within schools, classrooms, nurses, outreach.
 - Template will be created for systematic reporting.

Vice Presidents

Erin Eaton, Laurelle Graves, Tracie Jones

- December SOE; Found on Website.

Standing Committees**Advocacy**

Open

- No report

Art Docent

Laurelle Graves

No report

FACE

Alicia Spinner

- Looking for coordinators to engage our FACE communities within unit schools.
- Invite PTSA Presidents to attend meetings to better understand our work throughout community.
 - Next meeting on 12/12/22.
- Upcoming training on 11/28/22.

Membership**Simran Puri**

- Issaquah PTSA Council currently has enrolled 8139 members, which is -1223 members from this same date last year, with growth across the district.
- October WA State PTA Growth Awards: Maywood, Creekside, Gibson Ek, Beaver Lake, IVE.
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Outreach

Angela Dahrea

- Turkey Trot, in person this year, with 2500 registered participants.
- Holiday Gift Barn estimates 1,300 registered children for this year.
 - Currently have only 400 gift cards.
 - Please advertise.
 - Last day to submit gift cards - November 28, 2022.
- Lunch for the Break, details to follow.
 - Registration required.

ParentWiser

Hannah Colbenz

- December 9, 2022 @ 9:00 AM. Executive Function - Smart but Scattered, by Peg Dawson, NCSP.
 - Zoom registration required.
- Rewatch previous presentations by registering with ParentWiser.

Special Education

Betsy Grant

- No report

Website & Communications

Laura Ni

- No report

Ad Hoc Committees**Influence the Choice**

Katie Moeller

- November 29, 2022.
- Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS) is an exhibit created by Influence the Choice. The exhibit is a re-creation of a teenage bedroom with signs of substance misuse. Could you find everything? Do you know what to look for?
- Hidden in Plain Sight educates and empowers parents to communicate with their children about at-risk behaviors that lead to substance use disorders. Go through an interactive presentation with Marnie Maraldo, then hear from Substance Use Disorder Professional Lauren Kula.
- Talk to kids in an ongoing conversation about dangers of drugs, especially fentanyl, as it could be the difference between life and death.

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Laura Gaffney, Guest Speaker

- Teacher grants closed submissions, now looking for review judges.
- ISF surveyed PTSA elementary Presidents, looking for suggested or necessary art supports with Art Docenting.
- Afterschool academic supports.
 - Elementary schools will soon start new programs in winter and spring.
 - Middle and high schools providing tutoring and open library support.

Reflections

Anjali Tandon

- No report

Safety

Laurelle Graves

- No report

Volunteers for Issaquah Schools

- No report

Issaquah School District Updates

Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick

- Middle and High School Families Invited to Give Feedback on 1-to-1 Technology Program, survey closes December 2, 2022
- Community Invited to Provide Feedback on New High School Project, survey closes November 30, 2022.
- Day 100 Video recorded to share thoughts on Community Forum, and looking how feedback from district leaders will continue to refine priorities and plan for next school year.
 - Student mental health and bringing back some sort of PBSES programming.
 - Restorative outreach practices, training, communications
 - Inclusion for all: broaden identifying markers.
 - Desire for more engagement from non-traditional voices.
 - More math and math curricular supports in middle schools.
 - Unify high school experiences across school district: homework, grades instruction.
 - Working with Principal Ottley and School Board Member Harlan Gallinger
 - Special education supports, and new supports for unconventional situations.
 - Certain resources are underutilized.
- Working with King County Law enforcement in emergency school protocols and procedures.
 - How to improve our responses as command of controls can change?
 - Staying on top of different scenario planning.
 - How Law enforcement approaches and changes?
 - Cannot compromise student and staff safety; evolve with physical safety and communications.
 - The community must begin to trust in those working through active situations, then taking time to review, gage different experiences, and create changes.
 - Current events from around the country are being taken into consideration within ISD plans.

New Business

Lauren Bartholomew

- Thank you for attending today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Jones
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