

**Issaquah Valley PTA Minutes - DRAFT**  
**November 17, 2009 © IVE Library 7:00pm**

**Attendees:** Tanya Alter, Colleen Gurkin, Rebecca Posten, Dina Terry, Ana Inman, Sally Moore, Trisha Neill, Heath Anderson, Amy Tull, Suzie Kuflik, Carrie Granados, Tracy Marts, Tola Marts, Jodi Novotny, Tiffany Aske, Kim Nardi, Dawn Harper, Diane Holt, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, David Johnson, and Natalie Hancock

**Call to Order/ Welcome - Colleen Gurkin, PTA President**

Colleen called the meeting to order at 7:05pm  
Quorum was met.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Colleen Gurkin

**President's Report – Colleen Gurkin**

Congratulations to Tola Marts on being elected to City Council. Due to this new position, he can no longer be our VIS (Volunteer In School) Rep so we have asked David Johnson to be the VIS Rep. Tola will continue as Legislative Rep.

We received the Bronze Membership Award for September and Silver Award for October. Tola passed along that the IVE PTA has been growing a stronger reputation in the district according to the Superintendent.

This spring the District will start to negotiate with bus drivers, teachers, secretaries and educational assistants for new contracts. There is a form for parental feedback that you can complete and give to her (either in person or via email) so that the Issaquah PTSA can collect the information.

Colleen reminded everyone to pick up the Upcoming Events flyer available at the check in table. It includes a number of important dates coming up.

**Principal Update - Diane Holt**

Diane reported the school made \$200 on the first Cucina Cucina night. The next one is Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. All families welcomed. There is a special menu for the school members to choose from with 10% going back to IVE.

She discussed the parking lot issues. Eventually, there will be new roundabout coming at Newport and Holly. We may be losing some of the parking on the side to make sidewalks. Site Team is checking in to this issue to reconfigure for more available parking and will work with the district to make input. She reminded parents to be safe and follow the handout sent home for drop off.

Fund A Need for the Auction is going to be Leveled text book sets in a bookroom.

Clubhouse is open – the kids love it and it is very busy. Rainy Day recess is opened for both. She thanked everyone for their donations.

She has started reading in the community. She visits local community apartments and reads to the kids. She hands out books as well. If you have gently used books they can be given to her to give to the kids – elementary level or younger books. Feel free to join at any time.

**Staff Updates: Carrie Granados**

Fun to see families at the Cucina Cucina Family Night. There was a Veteran's Day assembly. A question was asked if half day Kindergarten parents can come back to the assembly with the child. If the assembly is appropriate they sure can. Some assemblies are for the older kids.

**Secretary Report - Tanya Alter**

Kristen Allen-Bentsen made the motion to accept the minutes as written; Chelle Swim seconded the motion; there was no discussion and the motion passed. Minutes approved as written.

**Membership Update – Natalie Hancock/Kerri Jensen**

The membership is currently at 87%. They are working to get the directories out by Thanksgiving.

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**Committee Chair Reports:  
(also see attached written reports)**

LogoWear – Dawn Harper

\$3,060.00 collected. Profit earned about \$500. Stickers will still be available for \$1.00. They gave extra bags for the Auction. Colleen thanked both Dawn and Rebecca for coordinating the logowear.

Husky Stars – Dawn Harper

Just added to the STARS program - Free Husky Football Tickets – December 5<sup>th</sup> football game vs. California. Go online to the PTA website for more information.

Innisbrook – Kim Nardi

The material will be here and handed out Tuesday, December 1 in the MPR from 2:45 and 7:00pm. The material needs to be picked up during the time because it can not go home on the bus.

Choir– Trisha Neill

First rehearsal in the MPR 12:45-3:00pm. 100 children singing. Due to the number of kids, there will be a show on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm here in the MPR with a holiday party to follow.

Reflections – Leah Gibson

Reflections reception was well attended. The theme “Beauty Is” really appealed to many children this year. There were 3 judges from Arts East. Turn in time was shortened by 3 weeks. District reception is January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Pacific Freshman Campus. Leah also noted that she has been the Chair of Reflections over the past 3 years and is now ready to pass it on. LeeAnn is still considering her involvement. 11 finalists will go on. They will be contacted if they are moving onward.

Box Tops/Campbells Labels – Tiffany Aske

Contest due by Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. She is also looking for a new box tops chair to help during the big shipments and bulletin board.

Popcorn – Heath Anderson

Lock box cabinet is broken. Colleen will look into it. Discussed heaters as a way to keep warm in the winter time.

Auction – Tanya Alter

Discussed all the components of the the Auction just for clarification - Class Baskets – money collected and the Auction committee will be responsible for pulling the baskets together; Class art projects are coordinated mostly through the Auction Room Parent and all children will participate in the art project; Auction teams are by grades and will have great auction items; procured and donated items from the community; and finally staff donations in the form of special experiences with the teachers and administrative staff. Tanya also noted we are working on securing a professional Auctioneer and sponsors to help with the costs. She also added that the Save the Dates will go out after Thanksgiving.

**New Business:** *No new business*

**Special Presentation** February 2010 Levies **(also see handout)**

Anne Moore (Volunteers In Schools) and Sara Neigowski (Issaquah School District)

Sara talked about the three levies.

MNO

Pays for 360 classroom teachers 345 classified

Bus Levy

Provides ability to buy new buses. This is a 1 year levy for a total of 41 new buses. The state provides match dollars to stay on replacement program. Long term it is important to note that efficient buses help alleviate expenses out of schools.

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Capital Levy

Classroom technology and critical repairs.  
\$32.9 million for technology and \$5.6 million critical repairs.

Anne talked about the Volunteers in Schools position. She wants us to understand that the tax level remains the same. School district pays \$250,000 to King County to get on the ballot - every time on the ballot – every 4 years. If it fails, revote in April (another \$250,000). There can be other things on the ballot. Campaign will be \$70,000 to get out the YES vote to pass the levy. If we fail, again need to raise the money to campaign again! May need to run another campaign for a Bond in 2 years. Simple majority 50% voters. The voter make up of our local community is a challenge as 65% don't have kids in the area, only 50% of parents are registered to vote, and finally 35% who are registered – actually vote. We will need 10,000 yes votes to pass. Tell your friends and neighbors who can vote that good schools drive property value and strong communities.

What can you do?

Endorse individually; Donate to the campaign; and Endorse as a PTA

Ballots out Jan 19<sup>th</sup> and due back by Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.

Work with the VIS to get out the vote calls – Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

As a elementary school PTA we talked about endorsing the Levy. David Johnson moved to endorse the yes vote for each of the levies; Chelle Swim seconded. Ballots were collected. The motion passed.

**The Issaquah Valley Elementary PTA endorses the YES vote of the MNO, Bus and Capital levies on the ballot in February 2010.**

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Submitted By:

Tanya Alter, IVE PTA Secretary

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**IVE PTA General Meeting Written Reports**

**Auction Committee Updates – Onti Rosen, Jacqueline Kelly, Tanya Alter**

Thank you to all the wonderful parents and students at IVE. The Class Baskets will be a huge success thanks to your generous donations. Now, the Auction Committee will turn their efforts in to making those baskets exciting and a great deal! If there are any checks still out there, it's never too late to turn them in to the Auction Box.

Thank yous were written for tax purposes for the donations to the class baskets. You should see those all through kid mail before Thanksgiving.

Now is the time to write that procurement form you've been meaning to do. We really need those turned in as we have a tight deadline after the holidays. Please go to our web site at [www.ivepta.org](http://www.ivepta.org) and you'll find all the forms/letters/information you need.

We have started something new this year called Auction Team Leaders. The leaders are divided by grade. You should be getting an invitation to participate through kid mail. Please look for that. This will also be discussed in depth at the PTA meeting.

**IVE Giving Tree – Connie Bellas**

IVE's Annual Giving Tree will start Dec 1<sup>st</sup>! IVE's community is sponsoring 6 local families from the Issaquah Food Bank. Please take a hang tag from the tree of various items from basic needs; cleaning supplies to clothes, bike or PSP's and so on. Gifts should be returned unwrapped by Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! Any questions, contact Connie Bellas at [conniebellas@hotmail.com](mailto:conniebellas@hotmail.com)

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Kristen Allen-Bentsen**

Staff Appreciation luncheon is on December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mocktails, Appetizers and Desserts! 4th Grade Parents (and anyone else who'd love to help) please go to [www.ivepta.org](http://www.ivepta.org) and sign up to help!

**VP Fundraising Update – Onti Rosen**

The fundraising is going well at IVE! Thank you to committee chairs for all your help, and parents for supporting these worthy events. Logo Wear was above goal, Salmon Days parking was above goal and Innisbrook was above target.

Coming up in December is the Barnes and Noble fundraiser. Over a two day event December 5 and 6th a percentage of all sales will go to IVE. Come and enjoy some of our favorite teachers reading. Please look for more details out in the next week.

A huge thank you to the IVE PTA board for their support of donating to the auction. Every board member has agreed to supply a bottle of wine so we can start a Wine Cellar for some lucky bidder. Thank you for that amazing support.

**Legislative Update – Tola Marts**

Election results: the anti-tax I-1033 initiative, that this body resolved to oppose, failed 42-58%. Domestic partner benefits measure R-71 passed 53-47%. Marnie Maraldo won election to the Issaquah School board with a preliminary count of 58-41% over Wright Noel. Various County and City Council races were also decided.

Focus Day is coming up on Monday January 18th. It's being held on the MLK holiday to maximize the number of families- parents and kids- that can participate. We will rally in Olympia and show legislators our numbers, our passion for public education, and our commitment to fully funding the basic education reform begun last year! Typically the Issaquah School District has a ridiculously strong showing at these types of advocacy events- let's do it again, we have a reputation to maintain! We'll be organizing carpooling on Focus Day from Issaquah in the morning, returning in the early afternoon- please contact IVE PTA Legislative Representative Tola Marts at [tola\\_marts@yahoo.com](mailto:tola_marts@yahoo.com) if you are interested in going. For more information, see [http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus\\_day/](http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/).