

DRAFT - Issaquah Valley PTA Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
October 20, 2009 ☺ IVE Library 7:00pm

Attendees:

Ana Inman, Chelle Swim, Sally Moore, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Tola Marts, Tracy Marts, Kerri Jensen, Trisha Neill, Connie Bellas, Kim Nardi, Dan Chernin, Tiffany Aske, Dina Terry, Jana White, Tara Moe, Carrie Granados, Suzie Kuflik, Sheila Wallace, Shari Tokumi, Anne Livingston, Louise Emery, Maria Onti Rosen, Tanya Alter, Natalie Hancock, David Johnson, Joanna Bayron, Heath Anderson, Colleen Gurkin, Mary Williams, Heather Ross, Jackie Goree, Leslie MacInnes, Stacy Smith, Michelle Lancaster, and Jeanie Rennie

Call to Order/ Welcome - Colleen Gurkin, PTA President

Colleen called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
Quorum was met.

Pledge of Allegiance - Colleen Gurkin

President's Report – Colleen Gurkin

New shorten meeting with written reports and highlighted activities.
At the November meeting, VIS representatives, Anne Moore and Sara Niegowski will come to talk about the upcoming 2010 (February special ballot) levy Then coming in December – “Everyday Math for Parents”. Please provide feedback on meeting style or input on Parent Ed speakers.

Diane Holt is at a Leadership Conference. Robin Earl and Shirley Roberts will be sub principals. Cucina Cucina Benefit For Books program in November. Site Council will handing out fliers at the night.

Thank You!

Dan & Rena Lang – Salmon Days Parking – raised \$4000. It is recommended to get more to help.
Suggested to recruit volunteers per class.
Jan Chernin, Lauren Piper and Rachel Stoner – Bingo Night
Rebecca Posten & Dawn Harper –Logowear
Maria Nelson – Vision & Hearing

Staff Updates: Carrie Granados

Transition with new principal is good. Staff Development is full of valuable information. Gearing up for conferences and assessments. Chelle reminded her about the tally due. Room Parent distribution, bring back emails. Class list to room parents.

Secretary Report - Tanya Alter

Approval of Minutes Trisha Neill moved to accept the minutes as written, Tola Marts seconded. There was no discussion and themotion passed.

Treasurer Report – Sally Moore

Attach copy. Sally noted the PTA Board approved adding \$100 to budget for Health Room Nutrition and \$120 for Holiday Choir. CPA has reviewed the financials and the report was good.

Board Reports

VP Membership – Kerri Jensen

436 members – 86%, as compared to September 2009 we were at 76%. Encouraging those to still join. Family memberships are good. Still working on helping parents understand what it means to join the PTA. It was suggested to have Kerri write an explanation about joining and why it is important. She can give it to Chelle who will facilitate to Room Parents. Notice the upper grades (3-5) are not signed up as much as lower (K-2).

VP Legislation – Tola Marts

Initiative 1033 Presentation

See handout

David Johnson moved to endorse a NO on I-1033, Connie seconded endorse no on 1033. Discuss – The endorsement would be passed on to Issaquah PTSA Council and be added with other schools (other elementary schools and middle schools have endorsed no). There are more reductions hidden in this initiative. David lived in Colorado under TABOR and it really effected the area. Long Term impact of things that would not get funding. Endorsement does not mean you have to vote one way, endorsed as

VP Legislation – (continued)

whole PTA. PTA advocates for the kids, and the initiative would impact funding for school. Anything that cuts the funding makes our job fundraising harder. Need a better way to make this work – keeping taxes at a normal rate without hurting education.

Hand counted vote - 28 yes, 4 abstained, 1 no.

VIS – Tola has envelope for donations.

Committee Chair Reports:

Eager Reader – Chelle Swim

Reiterate due October 29th. Any questions about the program? Fill out the whole card for the whole year. Clarify sign where they finish not every line. Eager Reader is also available in Spanish.

Innisbrook – Shari Tokumi

\$16,700 Innisbrook; \$4200 Cookie Dough. \$10,000 profit goal. Still taking orders. You can still order off website until close EZ order. Distribution date TBD. Donations not included in the total. No class with 100%.

Community Outreach – Suzie Kuflik

39 students need to be in the program. Need 5 more angels. Team up is also an option. Refocus our Giving Tree to help our families. Assigned by the food bank, Connie asks for families with kids and Sheree assigns. She will mention to try to get IVE families. Asked about IMS Angel Program to work with Suzie in order to serve the middle school sibling.

Auction – Onti Rosen

March 12th, theme and decorations. Class baskets letter money – list of ideas for procurement? Class project, Staff Experience, Class basket. Teacher email about the class baskets/auction. David has company ideas. Mary Williams is working with Dessert Auction and suggests to donate a yummy treat. Next committee meeting Nov 23rd 6:30 pm in the MPR.

New Business: *No new business*

Special Presentation – PTA Website 101 - Dan Chernin

Dan Chernin walked the membership through the IVE PTA website - www.ivepta.org.

Adjourned 8:41pm

Next PTA Meeting November 17th 7:00 PM IVE Library

Written PTA Program/Committee Reports – October 2009

BINGO – Lauren Piper and Jan Chernin

BINGO was a great success as a community-building event - we sold out, with an estimated 225 players enjoying the games. Thanks to all the parent volunteers: Dan Chernin; Jan Chernin; Tara Cote; Jackie Goree; Colleen Gurkin; Michelle Lancaster; Anne Livingston; Lynne Nieda; Lauren Piper; Debbie Steinberg-Kuntz; Rachel Stoner; and our two middle school volunteers, Chloe and Laura. We also appreciate our local retailers who provided discounts or free food/prizes: Extreme Pizza, QFC, Costco and White Horse Toys.

We welcome feedback about the event (for 2010 consideration); comments can be emailed to seajandan@comcast.net, rwstoner@comcast.net and/or laurenpiper@comcast.net.

IVE Beautification Program Update – Stacy Smith

The fall garden has produced some tasty table grapes, apples, assorted flowers, and eight big, orange pumpkins. All five second grade classes received a pumpkin for their classroom as well as a learning session on the pumpkin life cycle. By October 17th, we will have submitted two grant proposals for cash and equipment for the garden. We're also considering the need and costs of purchasing a storage shed to accommodate our tools. At present, all the gear and wagon are in the new PTA storage closet. Please pardon our mess. Weeding and garden maintenance is ongoing. The first Beautification Committee work party is scheduled for October 24 at 1:00 PM. All PTA volunteers are welcome however. Bring your pruning and weeding tools and meet us in the garden. Tea and cookies will be provided.

Box Tops/Campbells Label Collection – Tiffany Aske

Boxtops/Campbell's labels collection is now underway. A flyer went home in kidmail and there are extras in the main hallway if needed. The collector bin is in the hallway and the teacher's all have collector boxes in their rooms per their request. Please enclose boxtops and labels in an envelope or ziploc bag, marked with the teacher's name before sending them to school. Contest deadlines will be announced throughout the year.

Tiffany Aske, Boxtop Coordinator, is looking for a partner to help during contest times (2-3x per year) and with hallway bulletin boards. Please contact Tiffany Aske or Elsa Fleck if interested.

Issaquah Schools Foundation – Kristen Allen-Bentsen

The Issaquah School's Foundation begins its Calling for Kids Drive tonight! This non-profit organization bridges the gap between inadequate state funding and the programs and services we want to deliver to all of our children in the Issaquah School District. I promise that your child is receiving a benefit because of the work that the foundation undertakes. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE! This year we would like to see every family in the Issaquah School District give what they can. 5.00 a month is equal to one latte! We can all reach into our pocketbooks, or gather up the change on the floor of our car and support this very worth while organization. Questions? Kristen Allen-Bentsen at 425.427.6487 or kallenbentsen@hotmail.com

Logowear Update – Dawn Harper and Rebecca Posten

It will take 2-3 weeks for us to receive the order. So, not exact date there either. Once we get them and have a set date I will ask Connie Bellas and Jill in the office to send out a notice in our e-news.

Art Docent Update – Jana White and Leslie MacInnes

September and October trainings were well attended
Docents are excited about class auction projects!
Hands-on-Art on November 6 in conjunction with the Reflection's Reception. We would love more volunteers to man tables.

Reflections Update – Leeann Walker and Leah Gibson

There have been 53 packets distributed based on the interest form. 2 pieces of art have been submitted. I have plans on doing an entry due date reminder flyer this week to be sent via kidmail.