

Issaquah Valley PTA Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2010 DRAFT
IVE Library 7:00pm

Attendees:

Julie Gundry, Sally Moore, Tracy Marts, Tola Marts, Jana White, Stacy Smith, Rebecca Posten, Kristina Hard, Suzie Kuflik, Lynne Kunitz, Connie Bellas, Dan Ullom, Susan Moffett, Kim Lester, Trisha Neill, Ian Terry, Jacqueline Kelly, Dan Chernin, Kathy Bohac, Onti Rosen, Renee Morin, Ana Inman, Leslie MacInnes, Scott MacInnes, Natalie Hancock, Kim Nardi, Colleen Gurkin, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Leah Gibson, Chelle Swim, Teri Schaengold, Elsa Fleck, Maria Nelson, Tiffany Aske, Amy Tull, Kerri Jensen, Tanya Alter, Steven Boynton, Diane Holt.

Call to Order/ Welcome – Colleen Gurkin

Colleen called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Quorum was met.

Principal Update – Diane Holt

Gigantic thank you for the auction. IVE is a finalist for ISF for Kindergarten Big Idea grant. She will present on Monday 3/22 at the Issaquah Schools Foundation. The grant is for Jump Starting our Early Readers. The grant would help assess kindergarteners and provide feedback to the parents so children are better prepared for the start of the school year. The assessment occurs at Kindergarten Registration.

Staff Update – Rebecca Posten

Staff is also thankful for the auction.

President's Report – Colleen Gurkin

Colleen thanked Jacqueline, Onti and Tanya for running the Auction.

Consent Agenda – Tanya Alter

Vote in January Minutes. Tola Marts moved to accept the minutes as written, Kristen Allen-Bentsen seconded it. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved as written.

VP – Legislation – Tola Marts

Tola reported on the budget issues in the State Legislature. There are some major differences between the proposals from the House and Senate. He wants is to let legislatures know the house version is better than the senate.

ISF Rep – Kristen Allen Bentsen

May 13th luncheon. Kristen is encouraging attendance. Leslie reported that IVE has been recipient for ISF – see above grant under consideration for Kindergarten.

She also handed out a flyer on a seminar – How to Help Your Child Successfully Transition to Middle School – April 15th – parents only.

Committee Chair Updates:

Nominating Committee – Maria Nelson

April 5th slate posted. Today is the last day for nominations. It will be posted in varied places around the school. Thanked Renee, Jody and Kristen on the committee work.

Auction– Tanya Alter/Onti Rosen/Jacqueline Kelley

Tanya reported on behalf of the Auction Chairs. She thanked EVERYONE for all they did and announced that the auction raised \$85,000.

See the attached Committee Reports and Upcoming Events for more information!

Outstanding Educator

Outstanding Educator Award – Mr. Boynton, 4th grade

Golden Acorn Awards

Kim Nardi, Tanya Alter, Suzie Kuflik

New Business: *Fill out Motion Slip and pass to Secretary to discuss any new topics not listed on the Agenda.*

Next PTA Meeting - April 20th at 7:00 PM IVE Library
Plan to stay for our Parent Ed program on Parents, Reading and Kids!
www.ivepta.org

Written Reports

Staff Appreciation Luncheons – Kristen Allen-Bentsen

Our next staff appreciation luncheon is on **Friday April 16th**: Vegetarian Feast is sponsored by our First Grade Parents so please go to www.ivepta.org to help!
Questions? Call Kristen at 425.427.6487 or kallenbentsen@hotmail.com

Issaquah Schools Foundation – Kristen Allen-Bentsen

Come support the Issaquah Schools Foundation in their mission to strengthen and promote educational programs in the Issaquah Schools Foundation. The ***Nourish Every Mind Luncheon happens on May 13th*** at the Issaquah Community Center and is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the Foundation's work. (It is a fundraiser and the organizers are hopeful you can reach in to your pocket and be generous; the suggested donation is 150.00). However, IVE's table is sponsored, so if you'd like to come, please do and give what you can. Contact Kristen Allen-Bentsen at 425.427.6487 or kallenbentsen@hotmail.com to reserve your spot.

Multicultural Fair – Lucy Zou and Kristen Allen-Bentsen

Come to join the bridge building project at IVE -- the **Multicultural Fair!** It's scheduled on **Wednesday 4/28 5:30pm-7:30pm**. We need lots of help to build the bridge to connect our community from all around the world. If you would like to join the committee or have ideas to share, please contact

Lucy 425-214-1575 zoufamily@gmail.com or Kristen 425-427-6487
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Walk-a-Thon 2010 March Committee Report – Melissa Herschman and Tara Moe

This year's WAT is being held on **Friday, May 7th**. The kickoff is being held during the week of April 5th. We have decided to kick off this year's walk-a-thon a little differently than last year. Rather than doing an assembly we are kicking things off with a series of newscasts starting on April 7th and a second one 2 weeks afterward. The script will include characters like Marty McQuah, a spin on the character Marty McFly. We are looking a Dad who would be willing to participate in this role and also as the mad scientist. Other roles will be available too! We are putting the focus on the kids and asking them what they can do to EARN their pledges by taking on extra chores, helping a family member, friend or neighbor. We want to make them excited that their contribution is helping to fund the programs they love at IVE. The t-shirts have arrived, envelopes are on order and we are ready to organize volunteers. A volunteer sheet for Pre-WAT tasks is going up on the IVE PTA website and a Day of WAT volunteer sheet will be made available soon. Our next committee meeting is **Monday, March 22nd, 9:00 at Grimaldi's**. If you are not able to make this but are interested in getting in on the action, please email or call us. We'd love to have you! Our goal this year is \$23k but we are shooting for \$25k. This breaks down to approximately \$50 per child. Our approved spirit days are Pajama Day(\$15k), School Colors Day(\$20k), Twins Day(\$23k) and the much loved Crazy Hair Day(\$25k). We will be holding the raffle again this year and we will be looking for some donations, understanding that we have just had an auction and it may be difficult to procure items. We will likely use more of our budget to purchase some of the items for the raffle. Questions or comments can be made to Tara Moe (tara.moe@comcast.net) or Melissa Herschman (mherschman@comcast.net). We are excited for our "Walk to the Future"!

Staff Appreciation – Amy Tull

This year we will be honoring our teachers and staff the **week of April 12th**. The week is earlier than typical due to MSP testing and WAT dates. Stay tuned for more information on what is being planned. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Amy Tull at amybtull@hotmail.com or (503) 522-5916.

Parent Ed – Kathy Bohac

Join us after the next PTA meeting, **April 20th at 7:30pm**, when our very own principal Diane Holt will be spending some time sharing her love of reading. As parents we want our children to be successful at school, at life and at leisure. Reading is integral to all of these things! Come learn some of the strategies we can employ in our homes that will empower our children and facilitate the joy of reading. We will discover how to help our kids pick good fit books, and learn some of the tools to help our kids expand their literacy. The book fair will also be going on during this time and Diane would love to offer some suggestions on how you as a parent can purchase books and stories that will last a lifetime!

Book Fair – Tanya Alter and Renee Morin

The Spring Book Fair is coming **April 19th – 23rd**. The spring book fair is Buy One Get One Free. That means kids can get 2 books for the price of one! More information after spring break.

