

**APPROVED Issaquah Valley PTA General Membership Minutes**

**May 18, 2010**

**IVE Library 7:00pm**

**Attendees:** Dan Chernin, Tanya Alter, Colleen Gurkin, Renee Morin, Tiffany Aske, Chelle Swim, Elsa Fleck, Sally Moore, Rebecca Posten, Suzie Kuflik, Amy Tull, Teri Shaengold, Lucy Zou, Diane Holt, Pete Krpata, Jana White, Mary Williams, Sunitha Kothapalli, Kim Nardi, Connie Bellas, David Johnson, Shari Tokumi, Natalie Hancock, Kristina Hard

**Call to Order/ Welcome – Colleen Gurkin**

Colleen called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**Staff Updates - Rebecca Posten**

Thanks PTA Chairs for the well-organized WAT; Thanked all the bakers for recent staff luncheon; reminded us about the Volunteer Luncheon on Thursday 5/20.

Carol Fraser Retirement reception on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Say thank you to her for her years of service.

Field Day June 14<sup>th</sup>. 30 volunteers 12-3. If you are able to help sign up on the sheet. There will also be a link on the website.

**Principal Updates – Diane Holt**

Canceled the Spring Concerts due to Mrs. Salinas health. Thank you for understanding.

There is a new 5<sup>th</sup> grade tradition, a little ceremony with the IMS Principal. On June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:05pm, near the portables, there will be some rhododendrons that kids are voting that most represent their class and then they will do a written piece. Kids will read at the presentation, Diane will speak, then the IMS Principal. This will build into a garden over the years - "Legacy Garden."

In the middle of MSP testing. kids seem to be working very hard. Lots of encouragement from parents and low absentees. Finishing that this week. Staff has done an amazing job. Lots of writing, math and reading. Tough on the kids due to the length. Make Ups are Wednesday – or when it can be done. Test scores available in the beginning of September or later.

Book Room publisher is updating all the books for 2011. So filling in the book room will be in the fall. August 31<sup>st</sup> will be done, September will be the time frame for labeling, and the ribbon cutting.

**President's Report – Colleen Gurkin**

Adventure Kids Playcare – reminder for the free child care during PTA meetings. Chelle asked about child care for PTA related meetings/activities during the day.

Watch for a PTA survey – what programs are valued, fundraisers, cross the board activities. It will give the board feedback for planning purpose this summer. The link will go through e-news.

Thank you to our out-going PTA Board – Connie Bellas, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Natalie Hancock, Chelle Swim, Trisha Neill, and Onti Rosen.

**Consent Agenda – Tanya Alter**

Kristen Allen-Bentsen moved to accept the April Minutes as presented; Connie Bellas seconded and the motion was passed and the April Minutes were approved as written.

**Year In Review – Dan Chernin**

Dan presented a breakdown of the income and expenses from the past year. See attachment. Questions: Can we track the teachers spending? Yes, we are looking at creating a funding guideline form to help track the expenses. With the additional funds from the auction, we really want to see the money return back to the classrooms.

**Vote in Preliminary Budget – Sally Moore**

Sally discussed that a budget committee – Sally, Colleen, Elsa, Katie Milne met to go over income and expenses. This was then presented to the PTA board. This has been reviewed thoroughly line by line. We need to vote on a preliminary budget due to summer expense. Sept meeting will revote on final budget and could include changes.

New: Special grants – line item to spend down our cash balance. It does not have a program assigned yet, \$25,000. This money will be open to whole school population for coming up with a way to spend the money. There will be guideline put in place and a grant process created to make sure the funding projects are within the goals of the PTA.

The reason for the auction was to recover from being in the red. This is a two –year budget. It is open to public review. An example money from special grant bought the kiln.

This proposed budget includes all the same fundraisers as scheduled and will continue. The survey will help us see the areas that are wanted.

Donation expenditures - Increased donations to the community groups at the higher end of recommended range.

Keep money for teachers at \$300 and increased specialists to \$300.

Increased Camp Orkila budget.

Gardening program increased the budget to help offset the grants and one time grant for shed.

Increased Science To Go., and a few to some others.

Other ideas – Breakfast program – this is funded more by title funding. Reach a certain free/reduced. District automatically knows. Sometimes the families do not know how to fill out the form, or just choose not too.

Chelle Swim moved to accept the proposed 2010-2011 but as presented, David Johnson seconded the motion and the vote passes - preliminary budget is approved.

#### **VP Volunteers – Kim Nardi**

Open positions 2010-2011

If interested contact Kim Nardi

Budget Committee (4-5) – not a bank signer who can reconcile a bank statements and review budget.

Eager Reader Co-Chair

Culture Night Co-Chair

Wrapping Paper/Cookie Dough

Escrip

Hospitality

LogoWear

Parent Education

Popcorn – co-chair

Reflections

Salmon Days Parking

Staff Luncheon – co-chair

Staff appreciation week chair

#### **Committee Chair Updates:**

Walk-A-thon Recap – Melissa Herschman and Tara Moe

\$19, 933.34 raised this year! May 26<sup>th</sup> Plaid Day and June 2<sup>nd</sup> 80's Day. Totally kid-centered. Great fun!

#### **New Business**

IMS PTA – Kristen Allen Bentsen

Incoming co-President to IMS PTSA. Welcoming to the few parents who are moving on up! Encouraging volunteers.

Thank You's

Kristen and Lucy for Culture Fair

Tara and Melissa for WAT

Tanya and Renee for Spring Book Fair

**Adjourn 8:20pm**

**Upcoming Dates - Mark your Calendar!**

- ☑ May 20<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Thank you Luncheon sponsored by the IVE Staff
- ☑ May 28<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> No SCHOOL - Memorial Day Holiday!
- ☑ June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Staff Appreciation Luncheon - General Membership!
- ☑ June 17<sup>th</sup> - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

⇒ **Check out the IVE PTA website for more info and to sign up to volunteer!**  
**[www.ivepta.org](http://www.ivepta.org)**