

APPROVED Issaquah Valley PTA General Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2010 ☺ IVE Library 7:00pm

Attendees

Colleen Gurkin, Elsa Fleck, Sally Moore, Shari Tokumi, Kristen Allen-Bentsen, Tara Moe, Kim Nardi, Pam Bright, Krystal Edwards, Nancy Edwards, Dan Chernin, Ana M.J. Inman, Lori Griffith, Lisa Milkowski, Tracy Marts, Stacy Smith, Toni Willis, Joanne Husemoen, Sabine Sullivan, Leah Gibson, Jenise Clausen, Kerri Jensen, Sheila R. Wallace, Trisha Neill, Jessica Haynes, Leigh Meier, Tanya Alter, Renee Morin, Amy Cancelosi, Angela Krpata, Jana White, Jodi Novotny, Natalee Hancock, Jackie Goree, Diane Holt, Tracy Craig, Michael Craig, Amy Tull, Tiffany Aske, Suzie Kuflik, Kristi Welsh, Laura Schmidt, Nicole Mecum, Sunitha Kothapalli, Teri Sytsma

Quorum was met.

Call to Order/ Welcome - Colleen Gurkin, PTA President

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Guest Speaker - Leslie Patten, Issaquah Schools Foundation

Annual fall campaign (Calling for Kids) is taking place on Monday, Oct. 25th and 28th. IVE has received \$54,832.00 in grants. IVE has 32 VOICE mentors – the most mentors in the district. Sign up by October 11th – name will be in Issaquah Press and will not receive a phone call. Last year reached 17 percent of families in Issaquah School District. This year's goal is 25% and \$300K goal.

Jodi Novotny introduced herself as ISF Rep. Honk and wave coming up – date to be announced.

President's Report – Colleen Gurkin

Colleen introduced the Board of Directors

Colleen presented the 2010-2011 Mission Statement and Goals (Attachment A). A motion was made by Kristen Allen-Bentsen to accept as submitted, seconded by Leah Gibson. The motion passed – Mission Statement and Goals approved.

Colleen presented the 2010-2011 Standing Rules (Attachment B). A motion was made by Tola Marts to accept as written, seconded by Kerri Jensen. The motion passed – Standing Rules approved.

Colleen called for volunteers to serve as VP(s) of Enrichment. She also reported that Melissa Soderman would like more 5th graders to do safety patrol. Colleen announced that there will be a representative from the district at the next meeting to discuss Everyday Math.

Secretary Report – Shari Tokumi

Shari presented the May 2010 Minutes (Attachment C). Kristen Allen-Bentsen moved to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Natalie Hancock. The motion passed - minutes approved.

Treasurer Report – Sally Moore

Sally presented the 2010-2011 Budget (Attachment D). Sally reported that the Garden Shed budget is now \$1K instead of \$500.00. A motion was made by Kristen Allen-Bentsen to accept the 2010-2011 budget as submitted, Leah Gibson seconded. The motion passed - budget approved.

Principal's Update – Diane Holt

Diane presented an AYP update. 1.7% (1 child) missed the low-income cell. Diane reported that her analysis showed that the tardy/absence rate for that demographic is about 20 days with some students tardy/absent from 70-90 days. Diane introduced Program Assistant, Jenise Clausen. Diane announced the dedication of the Kim Murphy Book Collection will be on October 4th

Jenise Clausen reported that some of the kids who are tardy/absent walk to school. She called for volunteers that are willing to pick up and drive or walk some of these kids to school. She'll pass volunteer contact information to the parents of these kids who could use a ride from a volunteer or walk with them to school. Jenise will meet with some of these families tomorrow and will want to meet with Angel program families as well. Contact Jenise Clausen if you want to volunteer.

Staff Updates - Jane Brammer

Jane requested that if committee forms that are brought back to teachers through kid mail are to be returned to the PTA, please indicate on the form which committee it goes back to so teachers know whose box to put it back in. This is especially important if a form is to be cut off from the flyer. She also asked committee chairs to ask for the teacher's name on forms instead of room numbers as most parents don't know their student's room number. She requested parent volunteers for the GLAD program. Jessica Harper and Shelly Harding are the GLAD program teacher reps. She thanked the PTA for the monthly teacher appreciation lunches. The teachers are so appreciative! It raises morale, and they look forward to it so much.

Board Reports

VP's of Membership – Kerri Jensen & Amy Tull

Amy reported that the membership drive is continuing. So far there are 325 members. Their goal is to get 565 members to reach 100% PTA membership. The \$15 for family membership promo continues through tonight. Kerri reported that each member gets a directory for joining. Last year, IVE accomplished 100% membership.

VP of Communications – Elsa Fleck

Elsa asked the members to sign up for IVE PTA e-news online. Alternatively, families may sign up for hard copies if computer access not available.

VP of Legislation – Tola Marts

Tola reported that the Legislative Assembly is taking place on Friday October 8th and Saturday, October 9th at the Seatac Marriot. Early bird registration fee continues through Friday (tomorrow).

Tola reported that the District 5 Candidates' Forum is taking place on October 12th in MPR 7-8:30. The 5th district does not include Talus. Talus is in the 41st district. He stated a need for families to be there to show the candidates that the voters in their district place education reform as a top priority. He reported that the state only funds 5 periods per day. He asked that members hear candidates view on Education Reform. Nicole Mecum announced that Adventure Kids will offer FREE childcare that evening.

Tiffany Aske asked Tola to explain why we should join the PTA. He explained that the sttate PTA body has fought for the state to fully funds 6th periods per day and fund core education. Colleen Gurkin explained that the number of IVE PTA members allows us to send 3 members to the state legislature.

VP's of Volunteers – Kim Nardi & Tara Moe

Kim reported that volunteer sign-ups were located in the back of the library. She also reported a need for 3 committees chairs: VP of Enrichment, Hospitality Chairperson(s), Staff Appreciation Week Chairperson(s). She also called for volunteers for BINGO night, the Finance Committee, the Book Fair, and the Auction Pre-planning Committee. She also announced that e-Scrip sign-ups could be found at the back of the library and on-line.

Committee Chair Reports:

Amy & Chip Tull – Salmon Days Parking – Amy reported that there is a need for 10 more people to volunteer for 2 hour shifts. Last year we raised \$4K. Volunteers park for free.

Kristi Welsh & Peter Krpata – Logo wear – Kristi announced that samples are up in the hall and that order forms are going home through kid mail this week. Dan will put up a paypal link on the PTA website. Logo wear allows students to buy popcorn on Fridays for just 10 cents.

Grant Committee – Dan Chernin – Dan explained the Special Grants Application Process. He announced that the review committee will include Board members, non-board members parents, and staff. Teachers, staff, parents, PTA members can apply for these grants. Grants will be awarded based on how the idea best meets PTA goals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13.

Social Time & Refreshments followed the meeting.