

PTSA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:36 PM

Katelyn Shriber – Issaquah School District Special Education PTSA

- Introduction and overview of the ISD Special Ed PTSA
- Formed in 2022, so very new. Trying to spread word to families that this is a support network district wide
- Anyone can join to support. You can be a member of your local school PTSA as well as the Special Ed PTSA
- Focus is to represent all Special ed kids across the entire district. Provides supportive community of awareness and advocacy
- 17% of ISD kids have an IEP or 504. Kids with an IEP have lowest test scores across all categories within the district
- 2022-2023 Advocacy Goals were to Build Community, Empower Families, and Advocate for Students
- Working hard to spread the word about this PTSA. Please share information with anyone who may need this support

Q & A with Jennifer Sehlin, Principal

- Busy Spring with FLASH, music concerts, iReady, SBA Testing, Festival of Cultures, Field Day
- Staff Appreciation Week – Thank you to all! The staff felt very spoiled with all the treats, lunches, and love
- Starting to prep for next year. As of now, we are approved for 3 classes per grade in addition to Science Tech
- 5th grade Cast-off and party are also upcoming

Sandra Vanderzee - President

- Vote to approve the Standing Rules changes: Radhika make a motion to approve, Nigar 2nd the motion. 20 yea, 0 nay, 0 abst. Motion approved
- Vote to approve the January, 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes: Indu made a motion to approve. Rebecca 2nd the motion. 20 yea, 0 nay, 0 abst. Motion approved

Treasurer – Radhika Sehn

- Budget Presentation for Preliminary 2023-24 Budget: Anna made a motion to approve, Qibo 2nd the motion. 20 yea, 0 nay, 0 abst. Motion approved

Qibo Fan – Vice President

Election of Officers:

- Camalita Glover for office of EVP: 20 yea, 0 nay, 0 abst
- Julia Esteve for office of Secretary: 20 yea, 0 nay, 0 abst.
- Snigdha Bora for office of Treasurer: 20 yea, 0 nay, 0 abst

Indu Sharma - Community Relations

- 10 Staff lunches this year. So much gratitude for all those who helped. Some at the last minute!
- Issaquah Food Bank Harvest Festival and Movie Nights were also successes from this year
- Staff Appreciation went so well, and the staff felt so loved. Thank you all!
- 5th grade party update – committee working on planning now. Will be on 6/14 after school. Volunteers will be needed.

Fundraising – Anna Spurway

- Mariner's game was a sell-out. Due to interest, we are looking into booking another game in the fall.
- Other Fundraisers: Tutta Bella, Goodwill is upcoming June 3rd. We will make \$600 per truck filled
- Heritage Festival – Culture Jars went home with students. Festival will have 23 countries represented, performances, fashion show and food trucks

Communications – Leah Ludington

- Thank you all for filling out the Survey.
- Communications continue to be a huge part of our board
- Grateful that Special Ed has been a priority for the board. Please sign up for the Special Ed Bulletin Board! We also have meetups happening to help support Special Ed families.

Volunteers – Lisa Noble

- Lots of opportunities to volunteer at Cascade Ridge! The best time to sign up to volunteer is during EVP. Make sure to do your background check at that time, so you are cleared quickly
- Many committees need help for next year. Do not be afraid to sign up. You will always be supported by other volunteers or the board.

Legislative Rep – Nigar Suleman

- The board supports advocacy within the PTSA. Nigar was able to attend the Spring Conference to learn more and to advocate for needs. This is a good place to learn how to think about the bigger picture and try to make larger scale changes within the PTSA.

Programs – Sandra Vanderzee on behalf of Rahul Sachdeva

- Many Enrichment Programs are happening at the school. Made a distinction between school supported clubs/activities, PTSA supported programs and Enrichment Programs that are run by outside vendors. Please check the PTSA website for available Enrichment programs
- Reflections – we have 3 students who have work going on to the State competition. There will be discussion about displaying the artwork in the school

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM