



Clark PTA 2.6.7

General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Sept 28, 2017 - 6:00pm @ Clark

Clark Elementary PTA
335 1st Avenue SE
Issaquah, WA 98027
www.clarkpta.org

Objectives of this meeting: Regular meeting of general PTA membership

Notice of the meeting was given via email.

Attendees: Erin Eaton, Andi Tate, Tiffany Erickson, Tod Wood, Katy Tuttle, Tiffany Nance, Courtney Teddy, Caryn Dilks, Stefan Sulaiman, Kathy Vanichkorn, Devanshi Gupta, Jon Niegowski, Julie Hoke, Amanda Marsh, Joshua Rodriguez, Jennifer Krohn, Elizabeth Marcenac, Indra Lingam, Abhigith Chatra, Katie Cannon, Jamie Rosen, & Pauline Tamblyn.

A quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes

This meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Andi Tate.

Welcome

- Dr. Wood introduced Superintendent Ron Thiele (thieler@issaquah.wednet.edu) and Lisa Callan (callanl@issaquah.wednet.edu / 425-260-4878) from the School Board.

ISD Update on New Elementary School Siting (Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent & Lisa Callan, ISD School Board President)

- To be or not to be in the Highlands? If you want a new elementary school to be built in the Highlands, please come tell the Issaquah City Council during public testimony on Monday, October, 2 at 7:00 PM at City Hall
- Background – 2020 is the target date for opening the district’s next elementary to alleviate capacity concerns at Clark and Grand Ridge Elementary. In partnership with City of Issaquah staff, we have identified a preferred location for the new elementary nearby Swedish Hospital in the Issaquah Highlands. The Issaquah City Council is currently undergoing a series of important land-use decisions about that piece of property, including whether to annex and rezone it. This is just one of multiple steps (property sale, environmental study, permitting ...) that need to be approved before we can build a school. If any of these steps falls through and we cannot build on the preferred site, we will immediately begin looking for property outside of the Highlands because all other property in the Highlands would require significantly more time and money to acquire than is available.

- Many Clark and Grand Ridge parents attended the City Council's Sept. 5 meeting, when the council was slated to take action to annex and rezone the preferred property for the new elementary. After a lengthy discussion, the council did not take any action and did not have a specified process to move forward. Many parents have since asked: What now? On Monday, October 2, the Issaquah City Council is expected to discuss and potentially take action annex and rezone the preferred piece of property for the new elementary school.
- What does this mean for Clark and Grand Ridge students? The district's priority is to remain on time and on budget building the new elementary to alleviate capacity concerns at Clark and Grand Ridge by 2020. We are optimistic about our partnership with the city in being able to build in our preferred location by Swedish in the Issaquah Highlands. We will continue to send updates throughout the process because we believe the location of the new school is very significant to Clark and Grand Ridge parents. If you have a strong interest in where the new elementary is located—either within the Highlands or not—this is the opportunity to make your voice heard.
- More information
 - Issaquah School District's information about the search for property to build new schools @ <https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/news-details/2017/09/28/the-search-for-property-to-build-new-schools-faq>
 - Contact the City Council - email citycouncil@issaquahwa.gov and/or attend the public meetings Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Fundraising (Katie Cannon)

- Spirit Wear – We expect to make at least \$700
- Clark at the Clink – 108 Participants
- Kids Kreations – Please order. Kids Kreations products will arrive before Christmas.
- Parking at Salmon Days – Volunteers needed to help with Parking Fundraiser at Salmon Days
- Popcorn Fridays -Will be starting up on 10/6 this year! Popcorn will be sold for 25 cents at recess
- Walkathon – will kick-off on 10/10 and be held here at Clark on 10/27
- After School Movies- Will be starting up soon. More information to come.

Programs (Andi Tate)

- Still looking for Director of Programs
- Dad's at Recess will begin in October! Thank you to Nick who signed up to coordinate
- Vision & Hearing Screening – on 10/7 & 10/8. Will be predominantly run by the Nurses this year with help from PTA. Hearing screening will be coming soon.
- Volunteer Screening – Right now the lead time is up to 2 weeks. If you are considering volunteering, please get your volunteer screening in immediately. You will be turned away if you have not yet been approved in the ISD volunteer system.

Events (Andi Tate)

- Popsicles on the Playground was a huge success

- Tissues and Tea – Thank you to Kathy and Stephen for coordinating this year
- Coffee with the Principal on 11/22 & 1/24 & 4/18 from 9:15-10:15a
- Bingo is planned for 10/27. More information will go out in the next couple of weeks.
- Gingerbread House Night – Looking for Chair to help coordinate this event. Scheduled for 12/15

Outreach (Andi Tate / Indra Lingam)

- Welcome Indra!
- Membership – up to 43% Membership
- Staff Appreciation – Tiffany has a Tailgate scheduled for tomorrow
- Issaquah Power Packs program

Art (Katy Tuttle)

- Coming right along. Art stations have been set up on each of the three floors. They are fully stocked with paint and paintbrushes and art supplies. The art docent training is scheduled for the second week in October! We have had an outstanding response in Art Docent Volunteers!

Review and Approval of 2017-2018 Budget (Erin Eaton)

- The budget was presented by Erin Eaton (attached). A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report (Erin Eaton on behalf of Betsy Grant)

- The meeting minutes from the last General Membership Meeting have been posted to our website.

Other Discussion

Bike to School / Walk to School Event – Hoping to plan a Walk to School / Bike to School event. Will send out a doodle pole to find out when would be the best day to hold this.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Signed: Betsy Grant

Next meeting:

Board – October 2

General Membership – January 18