



## Issaquah Middle School Council Minutes – Approved

February 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Teresa Ducharme at 2:29 p.m. The following members were present: Corrine DeRosa-Principal; Sandie Pike-Council Secretary; Karin Allen-PTSA Liaison; Karen Knitter-Parent Rep; Andrea Gordon-Parent Rep; Cari Schutzler-Parent Rep; Teresa Ducharme-Parent Rep, Jennifer Dold-Parent Rep; Liz Director-Parent Rep; Kathryn Coffin-Staff Team Leader Rep; Patti Banashak-Staff Team Leader Rep; Barbara Galler-Staff Team Leader Rep; Julie Braithwaite-Special Needs Rep; Karen Swanson-Classified Staff Rep, Anna Loftis-Guest

### Parent/Community Comments

None

### Announcements

- Early Release - Wednesday, March 15 (7:37-12:01)
- End of Tri II – Early Release for Students, Thursday, March 23 (7:37-10:31)
- Learning Improvement Day – No School for Students, Friday, March 24
- Stanford Testing, Tuesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 30

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 26 School Council Meeting were approved as submitted.

### ASB Report

Barbara Galler thanked ASB for how they handled the delivery of valentines, flowers and candy. It was very well done.

### Old Business

Barbara handed out detailed results from the February 7 election and thanked everyone for their work and their support.

### New Business

Cari Schultzler reported that she has had several parents express concern about the drama program and that there needs to be more communication to the parents about the changes that have been made. Anna Loftis, IMS Theatre Director, explained that the time frame for her first production was very short. She wanted to keep it simple. She did add additional characters to the original script in order to include as many students as possible. All students who were not selected for on-stage parts were offered positions off-stage with lighting, sound, sets, etc. Anna will write an article for the Panther Press to share her philosophy.

Teresa DuCharme and Corrine DeRosa asked for feedback on having the Panther Press only on the website and not mailed. There is a concern that parents may not be reading it and it is one of the major means of communications. It was suggested

that a survey to parents may be a good idea. It was also brought up that since it has been on-line, it has become much longer. It was suggested to try to keep it shorter so that those who want can easily print it out. Corrine will also do a telephone all-call when the newest issue has been posted and will include a reminder on how to sign up for E-News.

## **Team Reports**

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will visit IMS on March 2 during the day. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation and Curriculum Night will be March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Math**

None

### **Science**

Counselors were in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science classes with a presentation on bullying.

### **Humanities**

None

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Patti reported that there was a boost in homework being turned in on time but now it seems to be lagging again.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Barbara reported that the Junior Achievement Field Trip was fantastic. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team is working on Spring Forum. The National Junior Honor Society will meet the last Tuesday of each month and the induction ceremony will be in May. Parent volunteers are welcome at the meetings.

### **Special Needs**

Julie Braithwaite reported that the team is starting to look at scheduling for next year.

### **Classified Staff**

None

### **PTSA Report**

The PTSA announced the Golden Acorn Award winners. They are Dianne Bugge, Susan Hegedus, Anne Moore and Lisa Gaan. They have put out a call for volunteers for Spring Forum. PTSA is hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition night on March 28.

### **District Liaison Report**

None

## Community Report

None

### FYI – Corrine DeRosa

2/17 PM Assembly  
2/20-24 Second Winter Break – No School  
3/2 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Visit IMS  
3/2 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night 6:30 pm  
3/10 Theatre Production 7:00 p.m.  
3/11 Theatre Production 7:00 p.m.  
3/12-3/17 Classified Employees Week  
3/15 WASL Wednesday – Early Release  
3/17 Activity Day  
3/17 Theatre Production 7:00 p.m.  
3/18 Theatre Production 2:00 p.m.  
3/18 Theatre Production 7:00 p.m.  
3/21 PTSA Meeting 9:30 a.m.  
3/21 Band Concert 7:00 p.m.  
3/22 Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.  
3/23 End Tri II – Early Dismissal  
3/23 Panther Press Deadline  
3/24 No School for Students -LID  
3/27 Spring Pictures at Lunches  
3/28 Stanford Testing  
3/28 Spring Pictures at Lunches  
3/30 Stanford Testing

### Other

None

Next meeting will be March 30 at 2:25 p.m. in Room 315.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

