

Issaquah Middle School Site Council Minutes – Approved September 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Jody Mull at 2:26 p.m. The following members were present: Corrine DeRosa-Principal; Sandie Pike-Council Secretary; Jody Mull-Chairperson, Lacey Leigh-Parent Rep; Alison Meryweather-Parent Rep; Penny Moss-Parent Rep; Debbie Sexton-PTSA Liaison; Anne Moore-District Liaison; Brian DeBroux-Library Media Specialist; Lisa Muroya-Staff Team Leader Rep; Ann Swiftney-Staff Team Leader Rep; Becky Havekost-Staff Team Leader Rep; Michelle Pickard-ASB Staff Rep; Joni Apman-Classified Staff Rep; Susie Emerson-Student Rep

Parent/Community Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June 1, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

Announcements

Member introductions were made.

We are seeking parent volunteers to assess the All School Write. Scoring opportunities are Monday, October 12 with both a morning and afternoon session, and if needed, on Monday, October 19. Please return the yellow volunteer form that was sent home with your son/daughter in Humanities if you are able to help – and recruit others. This is a great opportunity to see the work of students at IMS, which will later impact teacher instruction.

ASB Report

The Magazine Drive took in \$98,000 which exceeded our goal of \$95,000. The first WEBtivity Day for 6th graders will be after school on October 8. Extra activity buses will be available. ASB is planning a food drive and the upcoming Spirit Days on October 14, 15 and 16.

Old Business

Corrine DeRosa noted that there was a concern from last year's evaluation survey that parents wanted more detail in the team reports. She reminded members that the staff reps are Grade Level Team Leaders and not all subject areas are represented. The staff reps will try to get input from all subject areas for their reports.

New Business

Jody Mull asked all members to sign the Operating Norms and turn them in to Sandie.

Jody briefly went over the By Laws and what issues Site Council can and can not address as well as the focus and purpose of Site Council. There was discussion on Article V – Council Membership. A motion was made by Becky Havekost and seconded by Michelle Pickard and approved by a vote of council members to change the By Laws as follows:

Section 1. ~~There will be an equal number of staff and parent representatives.~~

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~~The Council will consist of twenty-one (21) members as follows:-~~

The Council will consist of an equal number of staff and parent representatives with a maximum of twenty (20) members as follows:

Principal	
Council Secretary	PTSA Liaison
3 Staff Team Leader Representatives	District Liaison
Special Needs Representative	Community Representative
Classified Staff Representative	2 Student Representatives
Library Media Specialist	7 Parent Representatives
ASB Staff Representative	

Chairperson will be selected from within the membership

Corrine went over last year's WASL scores. The 6th grade went up in both Reading and Math. The 7th grade Math scores went down slightly but the Reading scores dropped significantly. Corrine is looking into why. The 8th grade scores showed a drop in Reading but they went up in both Math and Science. IMS did not make AYP in Special Ed Reading and Math and in Low Income Reading. There are no sanctions at this time as we are not funded by Title I money. Testing will be different this year. Our students will take the Measurement of Student Progress test and not the WASL. Testing will be May 12 through 28 with results available in August. We will still administer the Stanford Tests in February.

Team Reports

6th Grade

Becky Havekost reported that the 6th graders are adjusting well.

Humanities

Language Arts is working with new books and new curriculum. The books are not going home with students. The 6th grade and 8th grade Social Studies books are on line. Corrine will check into why the 7th grade book is not on line.

7th Grade

Lisa Muroya noted that the 7th grade team is planning their field trip to the Village Theatre in February.

Math

Math Help is available every Wednesday after school. Some math reflections sheets will be going home for parent signature. These will be going into the student portfolios. SuccessNet passwords and user names have been given out. There is a place in the front of the planner for students to note them. Pine Lake and Beaver Lake Middle Schools both have answer keys on their teachers' websites. We will be looking into doing the same.

8th Grade

Ann Swiftney reported the Junior Achievement field trips are next week. We received a \$3,000 grant from the Issaquah Schools Foundation for these field trips. The student price is \$16.00.

Science

Most students are receiving their books. All books can be left at home as we have class sets. Lab make up sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. All grades are teaching Science Safety. Sixth grade will

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be going into the Light unit and 7th grade will be working on Scientific Method and then Catastrophic Events. Eighth grade will be working on Scientific Method and then the bouncing ball experiment.

Special Needs

Special Education students will be participating in the All School Write with all writing/testing accommodations in place. This is to allow them the most accurate replication of a WASL (Measurement of Student Progress) testing situation as possible. Special Education teachers (LRC I and ISEP) are working hard to integrate the new Literature curriculum into their classrooms (6th grade text in LRC I and 7th grade in ISEP) and enjoying the options the curriculum provides for differentiated instruction. We have high hopes for it.

Classified Staff

Joni Apman reported that we have more than 960 students. Eighty-five new students have been registered – 12 since school started. Updated information from the Demographic Forms is being input and Protection Orders are being updated. We have over 150 kids participating in Fall Sports. Portfolios for all 7th and 8th grade students have been sorted and delivered to teachers.

The bookkeeper has been collecting fees for ASB cards, PE uniforms, planners, sports, etc. and also collecting outstanding fines from last school year. She has also been ordering supplies for new teachers and making sure all classes have sufficient numbers of textbooks. She also coordinated counting money for the ASB magazine drive fundraiser, which exceed its goal and is passing the \$100,000 mark.

The nurse reports an average of 15 students per day visit the health room. Before Back to School Check-In in August, there were 200 students out of compliance with their immunizations. August 25 an e-mail was sent to 76 families. When school began, there were 40 students without the required shots. We are continuing to work with 8 families – no one has been excluded from school. Last week we began using an ironizer in the health room. It is 99% effective against germs. October 20 is the 7th grade vision and hearing screening during 1st and 2nd periods. The nurse is at IMS on Mondays and Thursdays and we have an EA in the health room three hours each day.

PTSA Report

None

District Liaison Report

Anne Moore reported that the School Board will be putting forward three levys. Connie Fletcher has resigned her position on the ISD School Board to take a position on the State Board of Education. Her seat will remain vacant until the election in November. The School Board is working on Math curriculum for high school and getting parent feedback.

Community Report

None

Other

None

FYI

9/29 All School Write
10/3-4 Salmon Days – PTSA Parking Fundraiser
10/5 8th Grade JA Field Trip



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- 10/6 Magazine Drive Reward Field Trip
- 10/8 8th Grade JA Field Trip
WEBtivity 2:00 – 3:45 p.m.
- 10/9 8th Grade JA Field Trip
- 10/12 All School Write Scoring
- 10/14 Mid Tri I
Spirit Day
- 10/15 Spirit Day
- 10/16 Spirit Day
PM Assembly – Magazine Drive Reward
- 10/19 All School Write Scoring
- 10/20 7th Grade Vision and Hearing Testing
Panther Press Deadline
PTSA Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- 10/22 Picture Re-Takes
Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be October 26, 2009 at 2:25 p.m. in the IMS Library

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.