

Welcome to
IS PTSA General Meeting
October 20th 2021



Welcome - You are in Great Company

We are the #2 Best High School in the state of Washington, #75 in the nation

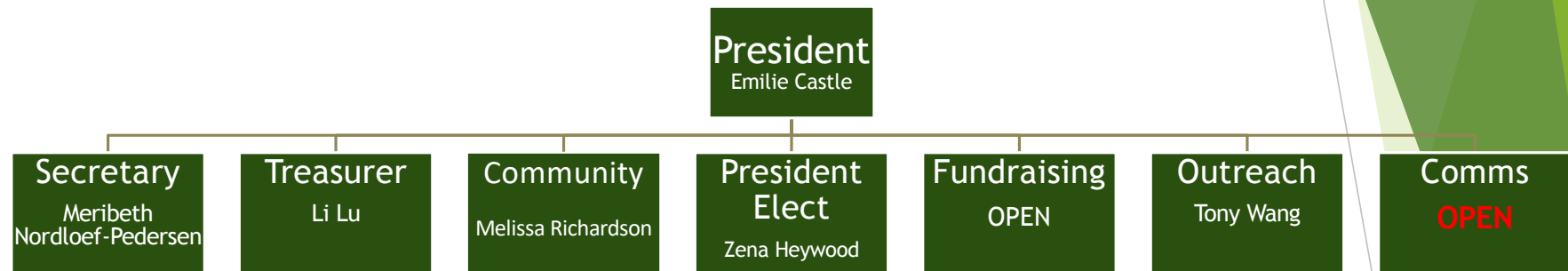


Agenda

- ▶ 1. Board Introduction
- ▶ 2. Welcome Principal Russell
- ▶ 3. PTSA Business
 - ▶ Review/Approve minutes from June 2021 Meeting
 - ▶ Standing Rules Approval
 - ▶ Budget Review & Approval
 - ▶ Insurance Announcement
 - ▶ Elections
- ▶ 4. Committee Updates



We are Parents, Teachers, Students



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<http://isptsa.org/Page/Pta/BoardMembers>

<http://isptsa.org/Page/Pta/Committees>

Committees

Memberships - Honglian Gao

Grants - Bev Ni

Monday Messenger - Thyda Tsai

Web Master - Isaac Wu

Reflections - **OPEN**

<http://isptsa.org/Page/Pta/HowYouCanHelp>



Stronger community with PTSA

“To create and foster opportunities that enrich and support International School students, staff, parents and community”

Inspire

- Support and/or provide meaningful programs for ALL IS students, parents, staff and community
- Be purposeful in PTSA Fundraising
- Promote mission and spirit of International School

Inform

- Communicate about ISPTSA meetings, programs, grants and advocacy issues
- Advocate within and beyond IS community to support International School mission and public education in general

Include

- Make it easier to engage in PTSA programs and activities
- Facilitate engagement in PTSA programs and activities
- Appreciate and value PTSA volunteers
- Create opportunities to foster social connections and cultural awareness
- Promote and maintain membership so that every student is represented and supported by an ISPTSA member
- Create a culture of inclusivity



So what does ISPTSA do?

We are parents, students, teachers, staff and community members coming together for International School Community

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Math/Science/French/PE
Orchestra/Band/Choir/Music Trips
Art/Library/Health
Teacher Training/Conferences/Tutoring

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SUPPORT

Scholarships
6th Grade & HS Retreats
Computer Club/Math Competition/Geobee
Reflections Art Program/Drama/HS Play
Graduation/YES Counselor

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Senior Board Judges/Advisors Luncheon
Staff Appreciation/Community Events
Scholarships/Parent Education

COMMUNICATION

Digital Newsletter
Website/Directory Spot





INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Principal Update

October, 2020

Principal Update


Celebrations



#1 Best Middle School
#3 Best High School



#60 in National Rankings
#51 in National STEM Rankins



School Accreditation Process

International School is participating in the Washington State Accreditation process this school year.

This is a voluntary process where we demonstrate that we provide our students with high quality and rigorous education.

Accreditation is an inquiry-based process, tightly aligned to our School Improvement Plan, our Annual Action Plan and the work we do at International. Accreditation is not only an internal review of how we are doing in meeting our goals, but also an external review process where we share our work and improvement plan with both a site evaluation review team and a State level review panel. I'm excited about the process and showing off what a great new school we have at International School

The Value of Accreditation

Although it is a voluntary process there are compelling reasons to complete the accreditation process (initial, third year review, renewal) as there are programs, colleges and universities and careers requiring students graduate from accredited high schools. These include Gonzaga University, a number of Oregon universities, Whitworth College, international universities and careers such as the California State Patrol Investigation Unit and the NY Fire Department Investigation Division. The California State University System encourages high schools to be accredited. The International Baccalaureate Organization and College Board (AP, PreAP, Springboard) both require high schools to be accredited. There is a vast world out there for our students. Opportunities abound for them. Becoming an accredited high school is one way we can ensure their futures are unlimited.

BSD Annual Plan / International SIP (2021 – 22)

Goal 1: Affirm and Inspire

Student Well-Being Priority: Sense of Belonging

As students re-enter the full school experience, school-based strategies will contribute to an inclusive environment where all students feel a sense of belonging. Studies have shown that “a strong sense of belonging translates to students of all ages and developmental stages improving academically, being more engaged and motivated in school, and increasing their physical and emotional health.”

Student Well-Being Priority: Social-Emotional Learning

Many students experienced isolation during the pandemic, with few opportunities to interact in-person socially. As we return to in-person learning it will be critical to recognize where each student is socially and emotionally and to provide them with intentional opportunities to support their development in social emotional learning. Our universal (tier 1) social emotional learning curriculum encompasses the five CASEL competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. These competencies are not discrete and are integrated into curriculum and instructional practices.

Targets

Increase percentage of students reporting a sense of belonging on the Panorama student survey, with a reduction in predictable outcomes by subgroup.

Increase social-emotional competencies from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022.

BSD Annual Plan / International SIP(2021 – 22)

Goal 2: Learn and Thrive

Academic Success Priority: Academic Growth

A significant priority this year will be to measure student proficiency at the beginning of the school year and monitor academic growth for all students. Regardless of where students begin the year, the goal is for *all students* to experience expected or greater growth.

Academic Success Priority: ELA and Math Proficiency

We recognize that student learning experiences varied widely during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years due to the pandemic and the shift in learning models. Universal screeners administered in the fall will provide student proficiency data for educators as they design instruction and supports based on students' beginning of the year level in the core subject areas of literacy and math. Based on progress monitoring data during the 2020-21 school year, math is a focus area.

Targets

Increase percentage of students in grades 6-8 making typical or high growth in literacy and math from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022.

At least 98% of students in the Class of 2022* will graduate in June 2022.

Increase percent of students meeting or exceeding proficiency standards in literacy and math in grades 6-8.

BSD Annual Plan / International SIP (2020 – 21)

Goal 3: Family Engagement

The experience of individual families is always subject to a wide array of conditions and contexts. These differences were highlighted throughout COVID, but one thing remained true: our families have expressed a desire to connect with us more deeply, to be more informed about their individual student's academic progress and social-emotional well-being, and to find ways where we can truly engage as partners for their children's success.

Targets

Increase the percentage of families reporting they feel informed, supported, and empowered to contribute to their student's success.

COVID-19 Testing is Coming

Diagnostic testing looks for infections in individuals who have symptoms of or have been exposed to COVID-19.

Screening testing looks for infections when there is no reason to suspect an individual is infected as a proactive approach to minimizing the potential for outbreaks in our schools.

Upcoming Activities

Homecoming (this week)

Drama production of
Romeo & Juliette
(November 5 – 6)

Signs of Suicide in Health
classes for grades 7 – 10
(November)

- Evening sessions for parents prior

Planning has begun for
Focus Week

PTSA Business

- ▶ Review / Approve minutes from June 2021 General Meeting
- ▶ Standing Rules Approval
- ▶ Acknowledgement of Insurance
- ▶ Budget Review & Approval



Review/Approve Minutes from June 2021 General Meeting

IS PTSA Membership Meeting, June 3, 2021
Online, 7:00 PM

Call to order 7:07

Minutes Pending Approval

This meeting was posted in the Monday Messenger two weeks and one week prior.

Attendance – Emilie Castle, Ann Ross-Clarke, Russell White, Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen, Sylvia Abrahamson, Wesley Hung, Hudong (Tony) Wang, Wendy Wilson, Li Wu, Dori Kelleran, Angelika Koch-~~Leibovitz~~, Li Lu, Zena Heywood, Lyndon Heywood, Melissa Richardson, Summer Locke, Julie Molinari, Jessica ~~Schultz~~, Megan Bechthold, Swati

Welcome from Emilie Castle, PTSA President

- Introduced Board members and IS PTSA mission: Inspire, Inform, Include
- Some PTSA highlights of 2020-21: Reflections, Staff Appreciation, Tools for remote learning and return to school, Community ~~meet-ups~~, Senior Celebration

Principal Update from Russell White

- Grades – Fs will show as “not sufficient evidence” for middle school and “no credit” for high school. D’s will automatically show as a “pass”
- Laptops – keep over summer except for Seniors
- Senior Awards Assembly was yesterday, Prom was at the Seattle Art Museum, Seniors last day is June 16th, June 17th is Senior Celebration, June 18th is graduation at Bellevue High
- June 18th – 8th grade virtual meet and greet – PTSA can check with Arty Christianto to see if she needs help
- Last Monday (House A) & Tuesday (House B) – all 7 periods
- Plan is to fully return in person in the Fall with a full schedule (unless the state restricts it) following state mitigation procedures
- No overnight retreats for Fall 2020 so looking for alternatives for the 6th grade and high school retreats
- Preliminary observations from Feb./March survey to families – desire for more community building activities for both students and families, streamline of communication (too many emails), desire for more small group gatherings to foster discussion
- Chemistry teacher Laura Baumgartner is ~~retiring~~ and a qualified replacement is in the works. Plan is to have two physics classes next year. Request from PTSA board to keep the community informed about staff changes.
- As a choice school, IS ~~is~~ fortunate to have stable enrollment.

April 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes – Approved with no edits

Treasurer’s Report – Hudong (Tony) Wang

- Bank Balances: Checking - \$74,823.46, Savings \$85,949.21
- Budget presented with current income and expense (PTSA Secretary has copy)

IS PTSA Membership Meeting, June 3, 2021
Online, 7:00 PM

- Treasurer’s Report presented (PTSA Secretary has copy)
- 2021-22 Budget – same as this year’s budget because of pandemic – will adjust next year – Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen made motion to accept budget as presented. Wesley Hung seconded. All approved “yes” in chat.

Slate for 2021-22 Board presented by Nominating Committee

- Committee: Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen, Angelika Koch-~~Leibovitz~~, and Bev Ni
- President – Emilie Castle, President Elect – Zena Heywood, Secretary – Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen, Treasurer – Li Lu, VP of Community – Melissa Richardson, VP of Outreach – Hudong Wong, Open positions – VP of Communications and VP of Fundraising
- Requests for further nominations from the floor for each position. No further nominations.
- All “yes” votes in the chat for the presented slate to serve as board members for 2021-22.

IS PTSA Scholarships – Bev Ni

- Class of 2021 Winners – Allison Follett, Cece Hildreth, Tessa Pedersen, Jessie Xu

Golden Acorn Awards Presentation – Li Wu

- Julie Molinari for her award winning PTSA Monday Messenger and other PTSA and school volunteer positions.
- Meribeth Nordloef-Pedersen for her many contributions to the IS band program and service on the PTSA as past President, current Membership Chair, past auction chair, and more.

Community – Melissa Richardson, sam_mel@yahoo.com

- Since last meeting, there have been 8th grade ~~meet-ups~~, Staff appreciation week plus a couple of PTSA provided lunches for staff
- School Board listening session June 10th, 4:30
- 11th grade meet-up coming up
- Bellevue PTA Council Book Club, *I am not your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, June 10th, 6:30 PM
- 6th grade BBQ off campus, June 17th at 6 PM
- 6th grade meet-up (incoming 6th graders) off campus, June 17th at 5 PM
- Meribeth suggested class specific ~~april~~ ~~april~~, ~~is~~ Class of 2022
- Bellevue PTA Council will host a virtual school board candidate forum in July. (Primary is in August).

Senior Celebration – Sylvia Abrahamson and Renuka Getchell, Co-Chairs

- Senior morale event in March – coffee outside

IS PTSA Membership Meeting, June 3, 2021
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- Boba cart after Senior Assembly for Seniors and staff to say good-bye’s
- Senior Celebration video and slide show mostly put together by the Seniors
- Grad. Night June 18th, overnight in secret location(s)
- PTSA supported
- Volunteers still needed for Senior Celebration and Graduation

Adjournment 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Ross-Clarke, Secretary



Standing Rules changes and Approval

- ▶ Section 3.2 Membership levels change
- ▶ Section 3.3 Service fees for national and Bellevue Council are separate payments
- ▶ Section 4.1 Added 1st vice President is president elect
- ▶ Section 5.10 Addition of Members-at-Large to the Board
- ▶ Section 7.3 Review of bank statements
- ▶ Section 8.1 Modification for online and in-person
- ▶ Section 8.4 Online voting
- ▶ Section 10.3 Removal of 60-day sale of publicly traded securities



AIM Insurance Renewed

- ▶ Coverages:
 - Commercial General Liability \$1 Million Limit
 - Extended Medical Payments \$5,000 Limit
 - Professional Liability (Directors & Officers Liability) \$1 Million Limit
 - Fidelity Bond (Crime) \$50,000 Limit
 - Inland Marine (Business Personal Property) \$10,000 Limit
- ▶ Same coverages as last year.



2021-2022 Budget Review - Li Lu

Financial Overview							
Budget Heading	Actual			Budget			
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net	More/-Less
A) CONTRIBUTIONS	\$60,937.01	-\$212.24	\$60,724.77	\$95,500.00	-\$200.00	\$95,300.00	-\$34,575.23
B) FEES & PROGRAMS	\$11,925.15	-\$2,996.26	\$8,928.89	\$10,500.00	-	\$10,500.00	-\$1,571.11
C) OTHER REVENUE	\$1,169.41	-	\$1,169.41	\$1,500.00	-	\$1,500.00	-\$330.59
D) ADMINISTRATIVE	-	-\$6,850.91	-\$6,850.91	-	-\$20,050.00	-\$20,050.00	\$13,199.09
E) MEMBERSHIP BLDG EVENTS & PYMT	-	-\$8,031.55	-\$8,031.55	-	-\$9,550.00	-\$9,550.00	\$1,518.45
F) DONATIONS	-	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	-	-\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00	\$200.00
G) Departmental Requests	-	-\$10,263.30	-\$10,263.30	-	-\$18,505.00	-\$18,505.00	\$8,241.70
H) RECURRING PROGRAMS	-	-\$36,199.25	-\$36,199.25	-	-\$51,095.00	-\$51,095.00	\$14,895.75
I) PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES	-	-\$1,850.00	-\$1,850.00	-	-\$2,900.00	-\$2,900.00	\$1,050.00
J) DESIGNATED FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
K) SCHOLARSHIPS	-	-	-	-	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total	\$74,031.57	-\$67,403.51	\$6,628.06	\$107,500.00	-\$107,500.00	-	\$6,628.06

Treasurer Report - Li Lu

- ▶ We renewed and paid our annual AIM insurance ISPTSA
- ▶ Paid for Constant Contact and Directory Spot
- ▶ Last Year's financial review completed in July. Signed by Bev Ni, Honglian Gao and Li Lu.



2020-21 Budget - Li Lu

Budget Heading	Actual			Budget			More/-Less
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net	
A) CONTRIBUTIONS	-	-	-	\$77,000.00	-	\$77,000.00	-\$77,000.00
B) FEES & PROGRAMS	-	-	-	\$9,000.00	-	\$9,000.00	-\$9,000.00
C) OTHER REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D) ADMINISTRATIVE	-	-\$1,233.35	-\$1,233.35	-	-\$21,280.00	-\$21,280.00	\$20,046.65
E) MEMBERSHIP BLDG EVENTS & PYMT	-	-\$47.30	-\$47.30	-	-\$10,500.00	-\$10,500.00	\$10,452.70
F) DONATIONS	-	-	-	-	-\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
G) Departmental Requests	-	-	-	-	-\$15,900.00	-\$15,900.00	\$15,900.00
H) RECURRING PROGRAMS	-	-\$800.00	-\$800.00	-	-\$32,220.00	-\$32,220.00	\$31,420.00
I) PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-\$2,900.00	-\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
J) DESIGNATED FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K) SCHOLARSHIPS	-	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	-	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	-
Total	-	-\$4,080.65	-\$4,080.65	\$86,000.00	-\$86,000.00	-	-\$4,080.65



Elections for Open Positions

- ▶ **Treasurer 2** This position collects and deposits all monies collected by the PTSA. Manages all corporate giving accounts.
 - ▶ **Candidate:** Wei Xiong
- **VP of Communications**—This position oversees communication with our community and updates the board on our online presence from the chairs from these committees (Facebook, Monday Messenger, website, DirectorySpot).
- **VP of Fundraising**— This position oversees and plans the fundraising efforts; The fall fundraising drive(main focus is getting information into MM weekly, keeping track of donations, the spring fundraiser (usually an auction) and the library book fair(run by a separate committee). This position does not have to be the auction chair.



Reflections Program

We need a few volunteers to pass out applications at Community and help collect at end of November



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**2021-2022
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Membership Update - Honglian Gao



- We have a total of 414 members, 22 of them are staff/teachers.
- We will reach 100% membership when we have 590 members.
- 100% staff membership for 27 staff/teachers.
- This Thursday is the last day for our six-week fall membership raffle draw.



IS COMMUNITY UPDATE



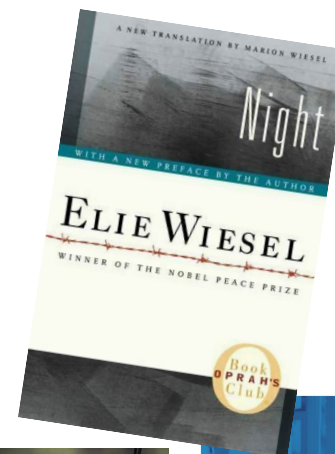
Share ideas to help build community at IS! Email Melissa @ sam_mel@yahoo.com

IT'S A NEW YEAR! Community at IS creates success!

Event	Date	Host
NEEDED Grade-level Representatives (2 per grade)	Immediately Email: community@isptsa.org	ISPTSA
Evening Book Discussion: <i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82970055984?pwd=dWRKUS9WNHhzUTZHL2RkOUFkdj5WQT09 Meeting ID: 829 7005 5984 Passcode: SbM0SK	Tuesday, October 26 th , 7PM	Bellevue PTSA Council
November Principal Coffee	Tuesday, November 2 nd , 9AM	IS
MS Morning Meet-Up @ Dilettante Mocha Café at Bellefield Office Park	Tuesday, November 9 th 9AM	ISPTSA
HS Parents Coffee Connect @ Dilettante Mocha Café at Bellefield Office Park	Thursday, November 4 th , 9AM	ISPTSA
School Board Candidate Forum – Review	Recording from Oct. 14 th Youtube: https://youtu.be/rVtTBDM8_QE	Bellevue PTSA Council



Remember to bundle up in our SpiritWear!
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International School Community – Bellevue, WA
International School PTSA
Check for “Class of” FB groups (e.g. Class of 2027)



Fundraising Update - Emilie Castle

- Raise the Torch - Fall Fundraiser
- Smith Brother's Farm
- Goodwill Donation Drive



Goodwill Donation Drive

- Saturday, November 20
 - 9am-12pm
- International School Parking Lot
- Anything smaller than an end table
- E-Waste - certified recycler:
Computers, peripherals, TVs, Monitors
- Small Electronics, books, toys, sporting goods



Smith Brothers Farm Fundraiser

- Special Link posted on Monday Messenger and website
- ISPTSA will get \$50 for each new sign up.





POINSETTIA & WREATH SALE

The International School Class of 2022 is holding its traditional fundraiser selling festive holiday poinsettias and wreaths from Squak Mountain Nursery in Issaquah. Proceeds fund the graduation activities this June.

- Poinsettias (Red, Pink, White) are \$15 including tax.
- Wreaths (24" Mixed Noble) are \$25 including tax. Note that the bow is not included.
- **Deadline for orders: Wednesday, November 3rd**
- Plant Pickup: Tuesday, November 30 at International School. Pickup instructions will be announced at a later date.



Sales of Wreaths and Poinsettias

Contribute to:
Senior Celebration
Graduation
Graduation night

Purchase Generously Please



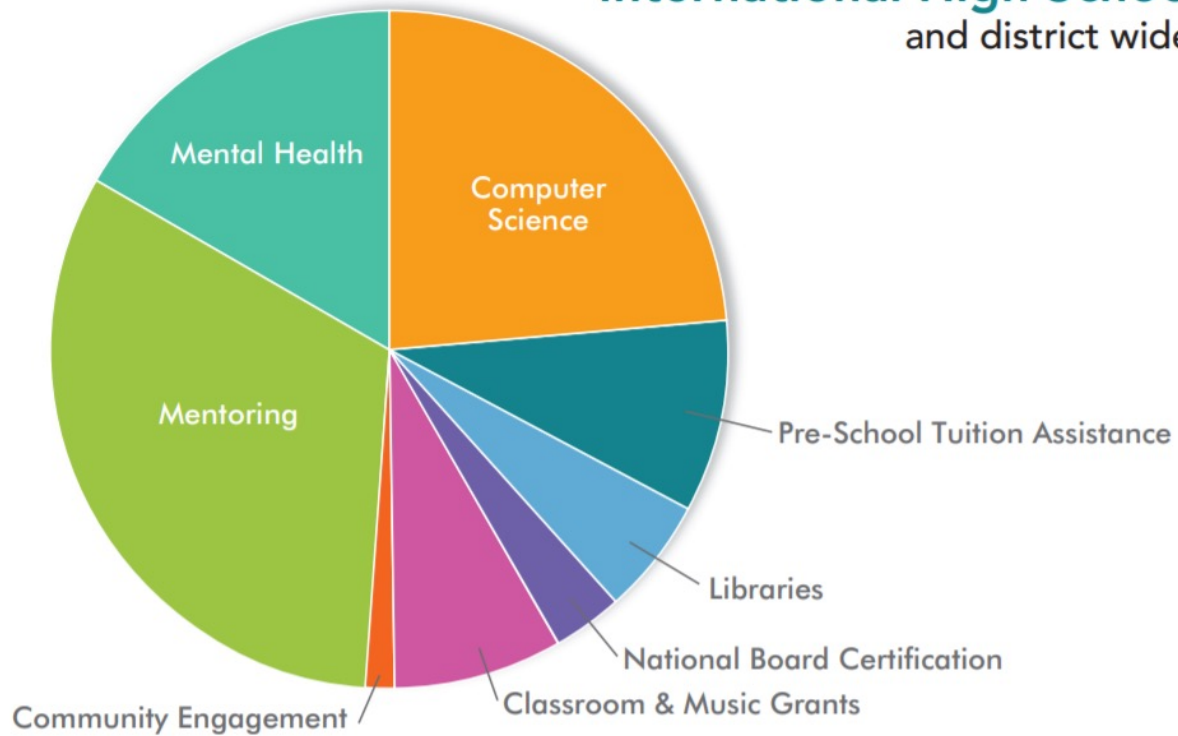
**INTERNATIONAL
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PTSA grants \$5000 to these events



Bellevue Schools Foundation, will invest
\$1 MILLION in our schools this year!

YOUR donations help students at
International High School
and district wide.



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Next steps

- ▶ Step forward to serve on the ISPTSA Board and Committees
 - ▶ Email: board@isptsa.org with your interest



5 Copies of the book; The Launching Years
pick-up on Monday at school office

► Doorprize Drawing

prizes!

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