

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-Leibmann, Li Lu, Zena Heywood, Lyndon Heywood, Melissa Richardson, Summer Locke, Julie Molinari, Jessica Smiddy, 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 – F's 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 16th – 6th 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 - \$74,623.45, Savings \$85,949.21
- Budget presented with current income and expense (PTSA Secretary has copy)

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- 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-Leibmann, 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 6th 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
- 5th grade meet-up (incoming 6th graders) off campus, June 17th at 5 PM
- Meribeth suggested class specific spiritwear, i.e. 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

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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