



# Online Meeting Minutes: Aug 15, 2023

## **Guest Speaker: Lorna Gilmour, Issaquah School District Cultural and Family Partnerships**

<https://www.isd411.org/programs-services/equity>

- Slide presentation is on the INN website with these minutes
- The Cultural and Family Partnership department is now combined with Counseling and Student Well-Being
- The mission is to eliminate barriers for students and their families, including those that are new to the American school system
- ISD had approximately 4,000 non-English speaking students in 2018, and the number has increased since then.
- There are over 82 languages spoken in the homes of ISD students, with 24 preferred languages, with Spanish, Chinese and Korean being the top 3.
- Cultural and Family Partnership provides for interpreters for all languages
- C&FP focuses on equity across the district, and is part of Executive Limitations 16: School Board adopted EL-16 to ensure an environment and culture that values and respects the diversity of its students and staff, addressing factors affecting student achievement and wellbeing.
- ISD website has a link to a cultural calendar available for staff and families for planning for student learning. Staff and families are encouraged to call school with excused absences for cultural reasons.  
<https://www.isd411.org/about-us/equity/religion-and-culture>
- The C&FP team hold events throughout the school year, and the calendar of events can be found on the website <https://www.isd411.org/programs-services/equity/parent-events-and-workshops>
- Right now, currently enrolling students for the 2023-2024 school year.
- There are Liaisons assigned to each school feeder pattern (Issaquah, Skyline, Liberty)
- Liaisons support families by connecting them with resources for food, clothing, legal services and more
- Ask for INN: how to connect with community resources for clothing for older students and adults, as well as household items (beds, desks, chairs, etc). There is no location in Issaquah for families to find these resources. Discussion on connecting with The Circle.

## **Hopelink Family Development Program, Donata Brenner**

- Family Development is a voluntary program for families in East & North King County with children under the age of 18.
- Families can sign up through the online form or calling Hopelink <https://www.hopelink.org/programs/family-development/>

## **Hopelink, Financial Capabilities Program, Lorena Reyes**

- if any providers are interested in partnering with Hopelink on financial education classes, please feel free to reach out <https://www.hopelink.org/programs/financial-capabilities/>

## **Issaquah Schools Foundation, Lisa Haynes**

- Tools 4 School is underway, but families can still register

- Currently hiring a Donor Relations Specialist position

#### **Issaquah Food Bank (sent to Kim to share)**

- Seeking volunteers for the Groceries 2 Go program. <https://issaquahfoodbank.org/groceries-to-go>
- G2G: Requirements of a volunteer driver: available for 2 hours or less, arriving at the food bank between 9:30am and 11am on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, comfortable delivering groceries for 4-10 families in the Issaquah, Sammamish or Renton areas, and can lift and carry multiple grocery bags/boxes and deliver directly to a family's door (steps are often involved).

#### **City of Sammamish Human Services (sent to Kim to share)**

- Heat Safety Information
- <https://www.sammamish.us/news/resources-for-extreme-heat/>

#### **City of Issaquah Human Services (sent to Kim to share)**

- City of Issaquah Heat Information Update: There have been no other changes to our approach or protocols. We are having city wide daily meetings to determine if the conditions have changed and if our approach needs to change. We are still in a category "Major" level three of four, so we are still encouraging people to stay cool in public locations such as the Library, Sr. Center and Rec. Center and we will hand out water. If we move to "extreme" category, level four of four, we will offer overnight cooling centers. If this changes we will provide messaging to our local non-profits and community partners.
- City Council, Human Services Commission and the Equity Board have a recess in August and will not be meeting this month