



# Innocademy

“By embracing innovation, we will inspire our students to become global thinkers and leaders through the way they positively impact others at home and abroad.”

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. Innocademy 8485 Homestead Dr. Zeeland, MI, 49464

1. CALL TO ORDER: meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Joel Smith

### 2. ATTENDANCE:

Board members present: Jeff Lukas, Joel Smith, Lindsay Vander Zwaag

Board Members absent: Shawn Pacanowski, Nick DeVries

LSSU Representative: John Chandler (5:00pm)

IES Representative: Kelli Gunn, Cory Dams, Brook Drooger, Leisa Lobbezoo

Public: Dave Zimmer, Matt Dietche, Steve Piesko

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Agenda
- b. Previous Minutes – Regular Board Meeting 17 Sept.
- c. Monthly Expenditures

Joel Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was supported. All voted yes and the motion carries.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT - ON AGENDA ITEMS: none

### 5. STRATEGIC THINKING / GOOD GOVERNANCE (30min)

- a. Pyramid Acquisition: IES has received a charter and school code to start

the K-8 engineering school. However, due to lack of physical building, man power, and funds to pursue. IES is looking to disband that board and have board members join the Innocademy and Innocademy Allegan board. They are very motivated by this idea and we are going to be looking doing this in the future but not for the fall of 16 school year. Closing the school wouldn't look negative on us or on them as board members. If they would be a fit for the other IES boards they could join and also work as a sub committee on the pyramid school planning. Some of the people will be able to be on the other IES boards. Those members who are interested in joining another IES board will be contacting board presidents. It will be the boards decision if it is a good fit.

- b. Monthly Expenditures : see handouts
- c. Quarterly Financials: see handouts
- d. Financial Audit – Presentation: Steve Piesko from Maner Costerisan

Dave did a fantastic job having everything ready for the audit. Page 3 \*opinion of auditors, pages 5-10 Fund balance of 22% or 19% of current year revenues. Page 17 4,000 from student fundraisers. Page 26 notes payable. Pg. 29 we spent .93 of every dollar budgeted. A clean report on internal controls and compliance. “Very favorable audit,” as stated by Steve Piesko from Maner Costerisan.

Very Clean financial note. There were no difficulties in the 8 topics reported. Overall a very successful audit.

- e. Strategic Planning: Date is set for Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015 from 4:30-7:30 at the Colonial Clock Building.
- f. Enrollment- Budget/Staffing: We still have 25 open seats we are going to keep enrollment open. See document
- g. Marketing: 1 page hardcopy of all of the strategies that have been implemented and the new ideas! (See document). Yard signs have been popular in bringing in new students.

## 6. SCHOOL PERFORMANCE (30min)

- a. Management Report: see handout-

Finance- working with ADP who will also be taking care of our audits

Technology-one to one devises have been dispersed and are being

brought home by students in the orange and yellow rooms.

Student Achievement -by the next board meeting we will have the full report from LSSU on educational goals. LSSU has contracted out services to report on data gathered. We have such extreme outliers due to Just Right Learning that they are reviewing and analyzing the results again.

PD- Whole-Child fall festival,

Facilities-new playground equipment arrived families came to help assemble

Career Readiness- looking to offer High school credit for students taking math or Spanish online courses,

International-trip to Mexico looking at doing a two year rotation between Mexico and Costa Rica. Brenda Menesses will be helping out with those.

Teacher Evaluations and Coaching- fall observations are being set up and teachers have turned in their IDP's

Human Resources- favorable audit only a few things to send back

After School Enrichment- new people hired who have done it in the past.

b. Student Data

- i. MAP Update: all document to be uploaded to Elevate 360 by next week. Reports shared at next board meeting
- ii. M-Step Scores Update: Tentatively coming out in Nov. very basic results shared with the public. Looks like the state is committed to M-step for 2-3 years. Michigan will also be transitioning from ACT to SAT. At this time colors will not be assigned to the schools based on M-step results as it will not be reliable data in its first year of implementation.

7.ACTION ITEMS (30min)

- a. Quarterly financials: Joel Smith made a motion to approve the quarterly financials. The motion was supported. The vote was all yes and the motion carries.(see documents)
- b. Receipt of Financial Audit: Joel Smith made a motion to accept the

financial audit from Maner Costerisan. The motion was supported. The vote was all yes, and the motion to accept the document as presented was accepted.(see documents)

- c. Proposal for new Board Agenda Format: Joel Smith made a motion to approve the new board agenda format. The motion was supported. The vote was all yes and the new Board Agenda Format was approved. (see document)

#### 8. PUBLIC COMMENT - ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9. ADJOURNMENT NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 19, 2015  
Innocademy has provided public notice of this meeting at: 8485  
Homestead Dr. Zeeland, MI 49464 – (616) 748-5637

Joel Smith adjourned the meeting and 5:34