

Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda  
Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**8485 Homestead Dr.**  
**Zeeland, MI, 49464**

School Mission Statement: "By embracing innovation, we inspire our students to be global thinkers and leaders by positively impacting others at home and abroad."

Board Purpose: Mission Statement

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1. Call to Order: Nick deVries called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm
2. Attendance
  - a. Nick deVries, Jeff Lukas, Matt Deitsche, Laurie Schmitt, Joel Smith
  - b. Kelli Gunn, Dave Zimmer, Sara Vereeke, Kelly Lepley, Chad Zuber, Cory Dams
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE
4. Consent Agenda: Nick deVries made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Jeff Lukas. Passed unanimously.
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Previous Minutes – Board Meeting on March 8, 2018
5. Celebrations of the School – 10 minutes
  - a. Matt Deitsche: His daughter so excited about jump rope for heart and fundraising for trips is going really well
  - b. Jeff Lukas: Parent teacher conferences went well with his son – great to see how he is cared for and loved here
  - c. Chad Zuber: Taking kids into the digital world instead of physical building – been fun to transition into this new
  - d. Kelli Lepley: Penny wars raised more money than the goal – that money is going to an orphanage that the students will be visiting in Mexico.
  - e. Cory Dams: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class – they have been Guinea pigs many times trying new things over the last few years – he is going to pull small groups out to evaluate all the different middle school models they have seen to see what they like/dislike, etc.
  - f. Dave Zimmer: Preparations for trips and excitement of upcoming trips. Also interactions with a struggling student gave him a glimpse of a life of a teacher.
  - g. Sara Vereeke: Excited that we were awarded a Reading Corps tutor for next year. So excited that we can offer this added support to our students
  - h. Kelli Gunn: MTSS data is coming together and the work done over the last several months is really coming together. Sandra presented a handbook yesterday and it pulled everything together
  - i. Laurie Schmitt: Excited that she took the oath and is officially part of the board

- j. Nick deVries: Excitement of upcoming trips – 2 of his kids are traveling – great that parents can come along on the trip. Student-led conferences – son led conferences and had confidence to share his work. Ms Cati is really a great teacher and is perfect balance of accountability and loving on kids. Kindergarten son started the year struggling and Ms Natalia has worked with him to really make a difference and help him. Outdoor learning environment really moving forward and exciting to see it come together.
  - k. Joel Smith: Talked with friend from another district who traveled to the east coast – their trip was very short – it's great that Inno has a longer trip that the kids can truly experience the places they visit.
6. Strategic Thinking – 30 minutes
- a. Project Based Learning: Kelly Lepley and Chad Zuber reviewed the strategic goal of Project Based Learning including
    - i. Increasing quality and design of PBL in classrooms and whole school by creating 5-10 year plan with steps to meet this goal. Key steps over the next several years include
      - 1. Staff Training and then have everyone complete one PBL in their classroom
      - 2. Adding a showcase event of PBL activities
      - 3. Adding cross-curricular PBLs, integration of projects with 2 or more teachers
      - 4. Scope and sequence for future projects base on what was learned previous years
      - 5. Sponsorship from a company to help sponsor PBLs
      - 6. Eventually have a PBL coordinator
      - 7. Have PBL become a natural part of teaching throughout the school year
    - ii. The team is gathering budget numbers to fund this initiative and working through stuck-ons
    - iii. Board members had a great discussion about the benefits of PBL and opportunities available through the ISD and encouraged the team to continue
7. Action Items – 10 minutes
- a. Budget Amendment #2: Nick deVries made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2 as presented. Seconded by Matt Deitsche. Dave Zimmer reviewed the details of this Amendment including revenue and expense changes. Passed unanimously.
  - b. Financial Quarterlies: Nick deVries made a motion to approve the Q3 Financials as presented. Seconded by Jeff Lukas seconded. Dave Zimmer reviewed the details of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financials. The school is in a good position financially to end the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Passed unanimously.
8. Dashboard – 20 minutes: Kelli Gunn reviewed the Dashboard including
- a. Compliance: No update on compliance this month
  - b. Finance: Dave Zimmer reviewed the financials
  - c. Enrollment: Had a successful lottery after our open enrollment period. There are waiting lists in many grades. Overall enrollment is looking good for the 2018-19 school year.
  - d. Student Achievement: Cory Dams reviewed an update on Student Achievement and testing. Cory gave examples of what the tests look like and example questions. We are finishing week 2 of MStep testing this week. All Middle School testing has to be done by May 4<sup>th</sup>, elementary testing has to be completed by May 25<sup>th</sup>. Looking good for 100% participation.
  - e. Public Opinion: None



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- f. LSSU Commitments: None
- g. Others
- 9. Discussion Items – 10 minutes: Board Evaluations are due to LSSU by June. Sara Vereeke to send the excel files to board members. Board members are asked to return their evaluations to Nick deVries by May 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Board Self Evaluation
  - b. ESP (IES) Evaluation
- 10. LSSU Comment: John Chandler congratulated Laurie on joining the Board. John also complimented the school on moving in the right direction and complimented the board on another good meeting.
- 11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: NONE
- 12. Adjournment: Nick deVries adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm
  - a. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018

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