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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.
Innocademy
8485 Homestead Dr.
Zeeland, MI, 49464

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Jeff Lucas called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm
2. **ATTENDANCE:** Present: Kelli Gunn, Dave Zimmer, Jeff Lucas, Joel Smith, Matt Dietsche, Lindsay VanderZwaag Absent: Nick DeVries
 - a. Guests: Sara Vereeke, Cory Dams
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT - ON AGENDA ITEMS - NONE**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Jeff Lucas made motion to approve the consent agreement as presented. Lindsay VanderZwaag seconded. Unanimously approved
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Previous Minutes – Board Meeting January 19, 2017
5. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS:**
 - a. SR Reports: Highlights:
 - i. Cory Dams reviewed Student Achievement SR activities, and the PD from Feb 10th in which staff analyzed data from MAPs data and student learning levels. Board discussed using the MAPs data to determine Just Right Grouping and change the way we group kids. The middle school team evaluated just right grouping more as well as using MAPs data to determine where kids should be placed rather than place them according to chronological grade. They are doing a 3 week trial using MAPS data to place kids into Rti groups.
 1. How does Rti affect MAPS and MStep test scores? MAPS would still see the improvement in their gaps – Mstep will be more of a problem because it is based on grade level
 - ii. Plans for PD days in March 16 and 17th – Visiting school in Slinger, WI for Rti best practices and Schools in Chicagoland on Friday
 - iii. Cooperating with Corpus Christi for athletics – allows us to offer more opportunities for our kids
 - iv. 10 year anniversary – celebrating this year – need to plan celebration
 - v. Marketing – learning more about facebook marketing and the data that comes from advertising. Leaned best time to advertise is Friday late afternoon.
 - vi. Enrollment – 96% of families planning on returning next year – planning enrollment meetings in March

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6. FINANCIALS

- a. Monthly Financials: Dave reviewed financials.
 - i. Compared to last year
 1. Revenue: very close to last year. State aid will be less than budgeted – will affect next year more than this year. Project that our revenue will be down approximately \$30,000 at end of year
 2. Expenses – about equal to last year – one variable on expenses is building renovations planned
 3. Cash lower than last year on report– Dave will have updated report – the submitted report was incorrect due to a formula error
 - ii. Amended budget expected in March and another amendment in June

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. IAC and Innocademy Zeeland Consolidation Update
 - i. Received \$50,000 grant to help fund cost to consolidate, if we choose to move forward. Consolidation would mean that Innocademy Zeeland and Innocademy Allegan would be one school district (with one school board, etc.) with two locations rather than two separate districts
 - ii. Need to decide before LSSU's board meeting in April/May/June
 - iii. Question: Will both boards vote on it? Needs to be determined – depends on process taken (merger vs. dissolution, etc.)
 - iv. Joel Smith volunteered to join discussions to begin planning/evaluating consolidation

8. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

- a. Winter '17 MAPs Data
 - i. Teachers talked with kids before taking the test to encourage effort on the test. The students also receive immediate results to know how they did, which helps kids engage in the tests.
 1. Kids really took the test seriously
 2. Students and teachers were enthusiastic about these tests and the results
 - ii. Cory Dams Reviewed observed growth vs projected growth:
 1. Math: K, 1st, 5th, 8th were a little below projected. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th all at or above projected growth
 2. Reading: K, 1st, 5th, 6th were a bit low, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th met or exceeded projected growth
 3. Science: 5th & 8th a bit low, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th were at or above expectations

9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. 2017-2018 School Calendar: Jeff Lucas made motion to approve calendar, Lindsay VanderZwaag seconded. Passed unanimously
 - i. Calendar similar to last year – same structure and similar PD/break days
- b. Set Enrollment Seat Numbers: Jeff Lucas made a motion to discuss the set enrollment seat numbers. Lindsay VanderZwaag seconded.
 - i. Kept numbers similar to this year – smaller class sizes for lower grades – used current class sizes to help determine next year's classes. Example: 3rd grade is a big grade of 26, so next year's 4th grade will be big at 26 students
 - ii. Total of 35 immersion – 26 requiring Spanish immersion background. 38 spots open in classic – 19 in Y5 – 4, 19 in 5-8th

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- iii. No waiting list currently – have to re-apply each year and cannot apply until March 1st
- iv. Reviewed plans for Spanish Immersion in Middle School and what the plans are for Spanish Immersion students in higher grades

Jeff Lucas motioned to approve 2017-18 Set Enrollment Seat Numbers seeking action to cap the number of seats at each grade level listed below plus/minus two seats with administrative or board approval. Lindsay VanderZwaag seconded. Passed unanimously

- c. March 16 meeting to be rescheduled to March 23, 2017 – Jeff Lucas made motion to approve changing the date. Lindsay Vander Zwaag seconded. Passed unanimously

10. **LSSU COMMENT** – NONE

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT - ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - NONE

12. **ADJOURNMENT** Jeff Lucas adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm
NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 23, 2017