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Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**8485 Homestead Dr.**  
**Zeeland, MI, 49464**  
**(Northwest Team Room)**

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

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1. Call to Order: Nick deVries called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm
2. Attendance
  - a. Board Members present: Jeff Lukas, Laurie Schmitt (joined at 4 :05 pm), Nick deVries, Matt Dietsche
  - b. IES Representatives : Kelli Gunn, Sara Vereeke, Dave Zimmer, Cory Dams
  - c. LSSU Representative : John Chandler
  - d. Guests: Abby Petroelje, Doug Frifeldt
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items - NONE
4. Consent Agenda: Nick deVries made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Previous Minutes – January 24, 2019
5. Celebrations of the School
  - a. Roundtable
    - i. Kelli Gunn – Chad learned of a grant through Civil Air Patrol – through that grant, we have received really cool devices including drones, robots, etc.
    - ii. Cory Dams – Middle School took students Ice Fishing yesterday – great to see kids learning outside and got him exciting to do Math outside



- iii. Doug Frifeldt – kids really enjoyed the Lions assembly learning about leadership
- iv. Matt Dietsche – his son loved Ice Fishing – that is right up his alley. He also appreciates the class going along with the Costa Rica trip – his son is learning so much and getting prepared for the trip
- v. Laurie Schmitt – Had a great conversation about school improvement – great to hear about putting the pieces together
- vi. Abby Petroelje – Kids enjoyed the Lions assembly as well – enjoyed the break week and loving the schedule of our school
- vii. Sara Vereeke – new student janitors starting to help out at the Homestead campus – great to see students working here!
- viii. Jeff Lukas – Son enjoyed the Lions assembly too – got him excited about the Lions
- ix. Dave Zimmer – enjoyed the conversation with Laurie Schmitt and Kelli on school improvement and how it pairs with the strategic planning cycle
- x. Nick deVries – Kids enjoyed the Lions assembly and really retained the message. He also thanked Kelli for the way she handles situations with students with grace and care.

## 6. Strategic Thinking

- a. Proposed calendar – Kelli Gunn reviewed the revised calendar that combines the strategic thinking calendar with the school improvement timeline to insure the strategic goals are aligning with and in support of the school improvement plan. The board had a good discussion about this calendar and the process of developing strategic goals and school improvement goals.

## 7. Action Items

- a. Nick deVries made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented. Matt Dietsche seconded. Passed unanimously





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- a. Creating Safe & Supportive Schools for LGBTQ Students with OASD's Beverly Schroeder – The board welcomed Bev to the meeting to help inform and educate the board on welcoming LGBTQ students. The board had a good conversation with Bev about the best ways to support students.
10. LSSU Comment: John Chandler encouraged the board to continue learning about the LGBTQ community and the best practices to support these students. John also asked which board members are planning on attending the LSSU Board member PD coming up in July.
11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - NONE
12. Adjournment – Nick deVries adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm
  - a. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2019

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