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Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, March 21, 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 4:08
2. Attendance
  - a. Board Members present: Jeff Lukas, Laurie Schmitt, 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 accept the consent agenda as presented. Jeff Lukas seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Previous Minutes – February 28, 2019
5. Celebrations of the School
  - a. Roundtable
    - i. Kelli Gunn – Thanked the board for their support over the last few weeks. Our Bridge builders have done really well – 3 out of 4 qualified for the state meet, one qualified for nationals in Utah with 17 other teams. We are now connected with Kids Hope – great for our kids!



- ii. Matt Dietsche – Has heard a lot about the penny wars and the new ticket system for rewarding good behavior – great to hear these good things!
  - iii. Cory Dams - has a phone conference with the school that was visited in Chicago to learn more about personalized learning and student-led conferences. Great to continue these relationships
  - iv. Jessenia Martinez – had a Middle School information meeting with parents and excited about the plans for next year. Also thankful for the flexibility of the Las Huellas staff!
  - v. Jeff Lukas – complemented Kelli and how she handles a variety of situations will grace.
  - vi. Laurie Schmitt – complimented Kelli that she models positivity and child-centered focus and she so appreciates her!
  - vii. Nick deVries – thanked Kelli for all she does for the school – she is truly focused on keeping kids in the middle and loving them. Saw staff supporting his child this month – great to see how people come around our kids. Son has some conflicts in June and is starting to work ahead – great to see flexibility to help support him.
  - viii. Sara Vereeke – Excited to have 1<sup>st</sup> offer for new staff member for the 19-20
6. Strategic Thinking
- a. Proposed calendar with corresponding reports – Kelli Gunn shared the new version of the strategic thinking calendar. Kelli worked with Laurie Schmitt, Dave Zimmer and Marty Lappe (Lead at Inno Allegan) to further develop this calendar. Kelli gave the board a preview of the type of information that will be shared with the board and the process to set strategic goals in light of the School Improvement Plan.
7. Action Items



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- a. Nick deVries made a motion to approve the budget timeline as presented. Matt Deitsche seconded. Passed unanimously.
- b. Nick deVries made a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement with Maner Costerisan for year ending June 2020. Jeff Lukas seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - i. We have used Maner Costerisan as our auditor for several years and have had a good experience with them.
- c. Nick deVries made a motion to approve a modified 18-19 calendar to make the May 24<sup>th</sup> PD day to an instructional day should legislation deem it necessary to make up hours from our two-hour delays. Matt Deitsche seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - i. We have submitted for 3 snow day waivers and were awarded them. However, we are below number of hours that the state requires. There is pending legislation at the state level to forgive the days that the governor declared a state of emergency, however, we would like approval to add one day to the calendar in the event this legislation does not move forward.



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8. Dashboard - Kelli Gunn reviewed this month's dashboard with the board
  - a. Compliance – covered in the action items
  - b. Finance –
    - i. Dave Zimmer reviewed this month's financial report. Income and expenditures are in line with where we should be at this point in the year.
    - ii. Dave also informed the board of the initial proposals at the state level for funding next year. There is a proposed increase per pupil as well as special education. We will have to wait and see once the budget goes through both the house and senate.
  - c. Enrollment – Kelli gave the board an overview of current enrollment numbers for 2019-20 as well as the current wait lists. The board had a good discussion about current enrollment and how best to serve the families who are interested in enrolling specifically at the younger grades.
  - d. Student Achievement – Kelli Gunn reviewed the MTSS A and MTSS B structure in place at Innocademy including how our data was analyzed to put all students on the MTSS tiers.
  - e. Public Opinion – Kelli shared information on the new Parent Dashboard available at [mischooldata.org](http://mischooldata.org). There is a new score available online based on a variety of factors. Kelli shared Innocademy's results as related to our local peer group.
  - f. LSSU Commitments – Kelli showed the work towards our LSSU goals
9. Discussion Items
  - a. International field experiences – Nick deVries shared an idea of a fully funded global capstone trip for all students. The board discussed this idea and whether it would be something the board would like to pursue. More research on this topic will be done to continue evaluating this idea.



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10. LSSU Comment – John Chandler gave the board an update on the timing of the new Innocademy board members. John anticipates both to be ready to be sworn in at the April board meeting.
11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - NONE
12. Adjournment – Nick deVries adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm
  - a. Next Regular Meeting: April 18, 2019

*This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda.*



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