Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda

Regular Board Meeting

***Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.***

***8485 Homestead Dr.***

***Zeeland, MI, 49464***

***Northwest Team Room & Virtually:*** https://icademyglobal.zoom.us/j/3950647095

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 4:22 pm
2. Swearing in Board Member: Nick deVries
3. Attendance
   1. Board Members: Nick deVries, Abby Petroelje, Doug Frifeldt, Jeff Lukas, Laurie Schmitt
   2. IES Staff: Kelli Gunn, Bob Soulliere, Dave Zimmer, and Sara Vereeke
   3. LSSU: John Chandler
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE
5. Consent Agenda: Nick deVries made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the addition of action item “g” . Seconded by Jeff Lukas. Passed unanimously
   1. Agenda
6. Celebrations of the School
   1. Roundtable
      1. Kelli Gunn: The event Tuesday night was so great – so nice to collaborate with so much of the team – see the kids and had great participation – 90% of families
      2. Sara Vereeke: Excited about new joiners for next year – going to be good additions to the team!
      3. Laurie Schmitt: Compliments to Dave Zimmer for putting together a budget that is reasonable during a time of many cuts from other districts.
      4. Dave Zimmer: Great to see lots of activity in the building with teachers getting ready for next year, movement of classrooms in the building, etc. People are very hopeful for in-person learning and excited to be back at school next year
      5. Jeff Lukas: Complimented Dave Zimmer on the budget preparations – he does a great job in putting the school in a good financial position
      6. Bob Soulliere: Grateful for Inno Zeeland team during preparation for the event on Tuesday evening. The preparation for that event was very well done – beautiful to see and be a part of.
      7. Doug Frifeldt: Tuesday evenings even was great – great to see everyone’s faces. The event was efficient, but also gave a nice opportunity for students to see their teachers. The Innocademy team as a whole for conservative funding to allow us to provide consistent programming through uncertain financial times.
      8. Abby Petroelje: Gave a thanks to all the teachers for all they did at the end of the year. Tuesday was a fun way to end the year – her boys were beaming to see their teacher. Such a fun event that was very well done. Celebrating being done with school!
      9. John Chandler: Complimented the team on the work done since the closure. Exciting to add additional sections. Also complimented Dave on the way he can balance educational needs with the finances of the school.
      10. Nick deVries: Complimented the team on the ability to finish the year – remarkable for the team to finish so strong during very uncertain times.
7. Strategic Thinking
   1. Designating two board meetings for Strategic Thinking sessions: Kelli Gunn shared the plan for strategic planning with the board for the 20-21 school year. We would like to set aside 2 specific meetings to focus on Strategic Planning. The board had a good discussion about this and potentially what these Strategic Planning meetings could look like.
      1. Sept ’20 & Feb ‘21
8. Action Items
   1. Nick deVries made a motion to approve July 1, 2020-2021 Budget, as presented in Budget Hearing. Jeff Lukas seconded. Passed unanimously.
   2. Nick deVries made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #3, as presented. Jeff Lukas seconded. Passed unanimously.
      1. Dave Zimmer reviewed the Budget Amendment with the board. Revenue was up slightly since the last budget amendment. Expenditures were down.
   3. Nick deVries made a motion to accept IES Evaluation results as presented. Doug Frifeldt seconded. Passed unanimously.
      1. The board reviewed the results together and discussed the results
   4. Nick deVries made a motion to accept Board Self-Evaluation results as presented. Jeff Lukas seconded. Passed unanimously.
      1. The board reviewed the results together and discussed the results
   5. Nick deVries made a motion to approve the Spring Board Policy updates, as presented during May regular board meeting. Doug Frifeldt seconded. Passed unanimously.
      1. The details of this update were shared at the May board meeting and were reviewed in this meeting.
   6. Nick deVries made a motion to approve revised 2020-2021 Innocademy school calendar to reflect Aug. 31, 2020 first day of school, as presented. Doug Frifeldt seconded. Passed unanimously.
      1. Kelli Gunn shared the reasons for the change in the calendar along with the detail of the new calendar. The board complimented the team on the work on the new calendar
   7. Nick deVries made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of note in anticipation of state school aid borrowing through the Michigan Finance Authority, as presented. Doug Frifeldt seconded. Passed unanimously
      1. Dave Zimmer reviewed the details of the State Aide note that is going to be requested.
9. Dashboard: Kelli Gunn reviewed this month’s dashboard including
   1. Compliance
   2. Finance
   3. Enrollment – Kelli shared current enrollment numbers for the 20-21 school year
   4. Student Achievement
   5. Public Opinion - COVID/Continuity of Learning Plan Family Feedback – the staff shared engagement in distance learning activities and Kelli Gunn shared a summary with the board. Kelli also shared the family feedback gathered through a survey to families as well.
   6. LSSU Commitments: Kelli Gunn reviewed progress towards LSSU measure 4 goals.
10. Discussion Items
    1. Planning for 20-21: Kelli Gunn shared some initial thoughts going into planning for the 20-21 school year. We are anticipating guidance from the state to be released on June 30th. Kelli is on a Return to Work task force to collaborate with area districts to plan for next year. The board complimented the team on their work to prepare for next year.
11. LSSU Comment: John Chandler shared LSSU’s PD plans for next year – LSSU has several sessions planned beginning in September. John also passed along compliments of Innocademy team from the LSSU team regarding the way staff is trained in CPI techniques.
12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: NONE
13. Adjournment: Nick deVries adjourned the meeting at 5:42 pm
    1. Next Regular Meeting: 4:00 on August 20, 2020

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