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Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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8485 Homestead Dr.

Zeeland, MI, 49464

School Mission Statement: "Innocademy is an inclusive public school academy that prepares PreK-8th grade students to have a global mindset through whole child, Spanish language, and nature-rich learning."

1. Call to Order: Laurie Schmitt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm
2. Attendance
 - a. Board Members: Laurie Schmitt, Abbie Petroelje, Nick deVries
 - b. IES Staff Members: Marty Lappe, Dave Zimmer, Jessenia Martinez, Sara Vereeke
 - c. Guests: April Best
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE
4. Consent Agenda: Abbie Petroelje made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented with the correction of Abbie's name spelling. Nick deVries seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - a. Agenda -
 - b. Prior Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2021
5. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School
 - a. Jessenia Martinez: The school received grant money to purchase additional books for the Las Huellas library. She is excited to be able to spend time in classrooms supporting student behaviors and has seen improvements
 - b. Nick deVries: His family was going through Chick Fil-A and his family was reflecting on how efficient the process was and how much it is like the pick up process at Inno. His son is loving his teacher and enjoying the year.
 - c. Sara Vereeke: Celebrating helping out in a classroom – great to help out with students
 - d. Dave Zimmer: Thanked Jane Lanser for her volunteer time at school -she gives so much to the school and it is so appreciated



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- e. Abbie Petroelje: Celebration of time with Laurie Schmitt and April Best – great time together and she truly enjoyed the time.
 - f. April Best: Celebration of the playground improvements of basketball courts and soccer field – her kids are really enjoying that
 - g. Bob Soulliere: Las Huellas students are doing so well in High School Spanish – great to hear back from them on how well they are doing compared to other immersion students in high school.
 - h. Marty Lappe: Celebrating the teaching team here – they are an awesome group who work so hard to support students with grace.
 - i. Laurie Schmitt: Celebrated Marty's transition to Zeeland and Kelli's movement into the Curriculum role – this is a great transition for the school and everyone has handled the transitions so well. Also – she attended an LSSU training last night. It was very informative, and she learned some new great information in the training.
6. Strategic Thinking: Marty Lappe reviewed:
- a. Mission Statement and Vision statement
 - b. Current MICIP goal, LSSU Goals, and current Initiatives
 - c. Strategic Planning Calendar and what the board can expect going forward throughout the year for strategic planning. With this year being a reauthorization year, the calendar may change a bit once that process is finalized.
7. Dashboard: Marty Lappe shared the current dashboard
- a. Compliance – Compliance is on track for LSSU responsibilities
 - b. Finance – Dave Zimmer shared our current finances including Revenue, which is limited at this point in the year as we have not started to receive our school aid income yet. Expenditures are tracking a bit ahead of planned due to a new Math curriculum purchased and a few higher expenses for the month of August. Overall finances are in a good position.
 - c. Enrollment & Marketing – Update on enrollment with changes since last month. For marketing, we are working with an agency to set up some extra online advertisement.
 - d. Curriculum – New Math Curriculum implemented the beginning on this year – early feedback from teachers in positive for engagement, but a lot of prep for lessons. The team is also working on Science curriculum – Mr Alvin is working on creating a science curriculum through an outdoor lens



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working with Ted from the ODC. This will be tested this winter to make a decision next spring on a final direction.

- e. Student Achievement – MStep scores have been released to the public through Myschool data. There isn't a state index for last year because of the waiver. Overall scores were good compared to other similar schools and state average.
 - i. Classic
 - ii. las huellas
- f. LSSU Commitments – Review of Measure 4 goals for LSSU

8. Discussion Items

- a. Reauthorization Update: Marty Lappe shared an overview of the Reauthorization process and what steps will occur throughout this year. The team is working on our Reauthorization Application that is due October 15th.
- b. LSSU Governance and Compliance Reports: Marty Lappe reviewed the report supplied by LSSU. Overall school performance on the report is very good. There also is a video explaining the report on LSSU's website that Marty will share with the board.
- c. Learning Plan: Marty Lappe reviewed the Learning Plans required by Public Act 48 of 2021. This requires schools to submit goals to the state for this year. The team worked with LSSU on the goals submitted so the goals align with existing LSSU goals. There also are preschool goals that we needed to submit to the state as well. We need to monitor these goals and submit a mid year and end of year update to the state.
- d. Board Connections: Laurie Schmitt shared with the board her thoughts on ways the board can connect more with the staff and show appreciation to them. The goal is for the board to be more visible and connected to staff throughout the year.

9. Action Items

- a. Abbie Petroelje made a motion to accept the nomination of April Best as a board member. Seconded by Nick deVries. Passed unanimously.

10. LSSU Comment: NONE

11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: NONE

12. Adjournment: Laurie Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm



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a. Next Regular Board Meeting – October 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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