



Innocademy

Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

April 20, 2023; 4:00 p.m.
Innocademy – Upstairs Team Room
8485 Homestead Drive
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 to order at 4:00
2. Attendance: Laurie Schmitt, Nick DeVries, Abbie Petrolijie, Jessica Parker, April Best
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
4. Consent Agenda
Laurie proposed moving discussion items from item 10 to item 5. April moved. Abbie passed.
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Prior Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2023
Abbie moved. Jessica seconded. Motion carried.
5. Discussion Items
 - a. Classic ELA curriculum
Grounded in science of reading, cross-curricular, aligns with current testing, multi-sensory. First grade teacher is using it and has been finding a lot of ease in its use.

Why are we moving away? Past curriculum was largely based on past research rather than new research on reading. It includes more decodable books and integrated grammar instruction. Explored 4 curriculums: Amplify, Wit & Wisdom, ARC, Into Reading (HMH). Landed on Amplify because it met all the needs outlined by teachers.
 - b. Classic Spanish curriculum

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Sanderos curriculum difficult to navigate and too rigorous for teacher use; originally designed for native Spanish speakers rather than immersion. It expires in June 2024. Explored 5 curriculums and liked Benchmark Taller best. Representatives will come and train teachers to use it without any additional cost; communication with representative has been quick and easy. Matches SEL goals, M-Step connections, and science standards. Also includes handwriting.

Cost for both new curriculums will be covered by ESSER III, Grant, and General Fund. Covers 5 years of materials. Will begin using all together at the same time. Materials are available for board members to look over and learn more about.

Spanish FLES & World Language: Sonrisas curriculum for Classic students. Will be used for Spanish Language TK-8th grade because it includes activities in all areas Inno currently includes in its instruction.

c. Staff Appreciation Week

Abbie and Jess planned May 8 to 12 for teachers: "You Raise the Bar."

Each day will have its own "bar" with treats and snacks.

Parents can donate money to fund the week.

Venmo option would probably increase donations – Dave looking into setting it up.

6. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School

Jessica celebrated volunteering at the Book Fair – ran smoothly and enjoyed the experience. Nick celebrated the Middle School Parent Meeting – a good mix of problems, solutions, and the best option for kids and parents moving forward. Laurie celebrated the great work that went into curriculum discussions and effort that went into deciding on new curriculum; also celebrated Jessenia for her leadership and work to finish this semester strong. Jessenia celebrated the Middle School Parent meeting – all the planning and work that went into it as well as the positive feedback they received from parents after the meeting. She also celebrated the amount of parent involvement this year, especially at the Book Fair and Donuts with Darlings. Dave celebrated the energy and efforts on hopeful optimism for the future. Lynn celebrated the board's involvement with staff and teacher appreciation. Mr. Alvin celebrated 7th and 8th grades that are competing at the state level competition as well as the national competition for balsam wood bridge building. April celebrated the student-led conference presentation and seeing the progression of work over the course of five years at Las Huellas. Abbie is inspired and excited about the momentum that's been building throughout this year with the teaching staff as well as the students.

7. School Report

a. Enrollment Update:

Dropped by one student on the Classic side.

b. Middle School Parent Meeting

22 parents attended the meeting. Presented a vision for the way forward for Innocademy which is relationships/interdisciplinary focused. Allows focus on

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certain skills like perseverance as well as off-site connections that work well. 6th self-contained, 7/8th grade team teaching. Parent concerns were around electives – this was addressed as easier for students to explore in a flexible way.

Nick asked a question about a way we present the integration of electives that reminds students of the incorporation of things that were once stand-alone classes.

Next steps: how to present the plan to students.

8. IES Report

- a. None

9. Financial Report

- a. March Financial Report

Synced up federal funds to where we've been in previous years. Instructional difference from last year to this year due to new curriculum purchase. Capital leases moved categories in the last year which explains the big percentage change.

- b. Quarterly Financial Report

Continued increase this quarter.

- c. Budget Amendment #2

Summary of 2022-2023 revenue changes – local sources reduced. State Aid has remained the same. Mental health support grant as well as safety/risk assessments/critical incident mapping grants all coming in. Year Round Schools Foundation payment came through. ESSERII carryover coming in. Act 18 millage up.

Proposal to spend is less than the amount we currently have coming in. We have an insurance policy and cushion to maintain programs.

10. Action Items

- a. Motion to approve the Quarterly Financial Report

Jessica moved. Abbie second. Motion carried.

- b. Motion to approve the Budget Amendment #2

Jessica moved. April second.. Motion carried.

11. LSSU Comment

Lynn presented the Field Rep report. Highlighted the board member PD development. Change in plan for summer work for teachers – will be doing a book study where teachers can earn 18 sketches at no cost besides purchasing the book to go towards renewing their certificate.

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12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

13. Adjournment: adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

a. Next Regular Board Meeting: May 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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