



Innocademy

Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 17, 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: meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Attendance: Laurie Schmitt, April Best, Jessica Parker, Nick deVries
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: none
4. Consent Agenda: Nick moved. Jess second. Motion carried.
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Prior Meeting Minutes –
 - June 29, 2023 Budget Hearing
 - Jun 29, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - Jun 29, 2023 Organizational Meeting
5. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School: Deb celebrated Jessenia’s return. Jessica celebrated the open house night before the start of school – the photo stations; also the ease of drop off and pick up. Nick celebrated how much his son is loving school this year – especially his Connections class; also celebrating the reconfiguration of the 5th and 6th grade. Laurie celebrated the return of Jessenia and the smooth start to the year. Jessenia celebrated Mr. Chad’s class and the buzz around it; also, the info night especially with new families. Joe celebrated Jessenia’s return as well as the orderly dismissal and having a full board at the start of the school year. April celebrated the reconfiguration of the 5th/6th grade classes and the excitement of her son at home after school. Mr. Chad celebrated the start of Connections and how it’s been fun to set up something new every day.

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6. School Report

a. MICIP Goals

Continuation of math goal: by June 2025 student proficiency will be 47.55%
ELA proficiency goal is 60%

b. Curriculum Review

Purchased and have Amplify for ELA and Benchmark Taller for Las Huellas on campus.

c. Family Resource Guide

InnoZ Family Compact

Specials: Art, Music, Connections

Attendance and system

Rubrics tweaked to be more age appropriate

Drill and communication about why to parents

End of the day dismissal - no crossing guard so parents need to help

Nick noted: translate the guide to Spanish

7. IES Report

a. Staffing Update

Deb shared about the hiring done. She is really excited about the middle school group especially mixing Alvin and Ky as well as the 7th grade teacher. New kindergarten teacher is also working out really well. New resource room teacher for Middle School still being finalized. Precademy teacher gap still being worked on – looking for a part time para position.

b. Enrollment Update

Hoping for 264 at the start of the school year. Currently at 276. Still have spaces that can be filled without changing staffing which is a great place to be. Work on retention with families of 3rd to 5th graders.

8. Financial Report

a. June 2023 Pre-Audit Financials

Dave presented the summary before the audit. Largest difference is in federal sources which will be pushed to next financial year.

Total expenditures at 93%.

No expenditures are over 100% which is good news.

b. June 2023 Quarterly Reports

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Still need to upload the quarterlies to LSSU pending board approval. Compares quarterly and year to date line item by line item.

c. July Financial Report

Not much activity until October.

Still have some IOUs from the State and Federal government to come in.

9. Action Items

a. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Innocademy Curriculum

April moved. Jessica second. Motion passed.

b. Motion to approve Quarterly Financials

Jessica moved. Nick second. Motion passed.

10. Discussion Items

a. Laurie shared the side-by-side comparison of the board evaluation results.

11. LSSU Comment

Joe shared that Julie will join at the next meeting. In October all board members were invited to participate in a Board Session that fulfills two PD credits in partnership with Saginaw Valley.

Governance and Compliance Report from LSSU just came out – think about putting on the agenda for the next meeting. Consider how to incorporate into our meeting.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

13. Adjournment: meeting adjourned by Laurie at 4:54 p.m.

a. Next Regular Board Meeting: September 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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