



Innocademy

Agenda for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 18, 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 called meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Attendance: Laurie Schmitt, Abbie Petrolijie, April Best, Nick DeVries (Jessica Parker was unable to be at the meeting today)
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
4. Consent Agenda: Nick moved. Abbie second. Motion passed.
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Prior Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023
5. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School

Nick celebrated the executive round table that was hosted at Innocademy this morning. Abbie celebrated Teacher Appreciation week – Jess thrived and contributed a ton to make the week successful. April celebrated the ODC night – great time to be outside with families. Laurie celebrated the board members who worked at the teacher appreciation week as well as the ice cream truck reward for school wide PBIS. Deb celebrated staff appreciation week – teachers felt appreciated and encouraged.

6. School Report
 - a. None

Enrollment update - 264 for next week. Sweet spot is 320. Need to promote and market this summer.

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7. IES Report

a. Spring 2023 Board Policy Update

Language change and small changes to several policies - a handful are legally required and some are best practice.

2623: Student assessment (legally required)

6325: Federal Grants/Funds (legally required)

7540.02: Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services (legal content regarding ADA to all websites and apps)

7540.03: Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (legally required)

7540.04: Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (legally required)

8315: Information Management (best practice)

8390: Animals on Academy Property (legally required)

8400: Academy Safety Information (legally required – trained threat assessment plan and team)

8. Financial Report

a. April Financial Report

Dave presented the Financial Summary by Function-Amendment #2. Revenue perspective – very comparable to last year. Starting to pull down federal revenue. Total expenditures are lower than last year – will go up with the new ELA curriculum and be comparable to last year. Stockpiling funds for next year’s budget when we will be weaning off of surplus from federal funds.

9. Action Items

a. Motion to approve the Classic ELA Curriculum

Nick moved. Abbie second. Motion passed.

b. Motion to approve the Classic Spanish Curriculum

Abbie moved. Nick second. Motion passed.

10. Discussion Items

a. 2023-2024 Budget

Very close to the State Aid Bill being passed – decent foundation grant increase, helps with salary and benefits; it is student-centered funding. Allows us to continue focusing on mental health for students and staff. Look at fall enrollment, staff salary increases, and de-ESSR the budgets.

b. Connections Class

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Re-focus on the Mission and Vision of our school because a lot of feedback was coming in about student's missing the past specials. Connections is an answer to this feedback. Embed whole child wellness throughout all courses and integrate PE into a new SR. Create a semblance of how it's transforming to communicate this one year change well to parents. Schedule tournaments to happen regularly throughout the year (basketball, hockey, soccer, etc.)

c. Board Evaluation of IES

Expect links to these from Laurie in the near future. Fill out before our next meeting.

d. Board Self Evaluation

Link will be coming for this as well. Fill out before our next meeting.

11. LSSU Comment

Lynn presented the Field Rep Report. Joe Thiennes will be taking over Lynn's duties moving forward. Lynn fields this transition will allow Joe to engage more with the school because there is less travel time. Lynn is looking forward to receiving the feedback from the surveys. Book study being offered had 25 individuals sign up - which is a great number. Annual conflict of interest form will be due next month - reminders coming soon.

Joe shared how gracious and helpful Lynn has been during the transition. He is looking forward to supporting us and is grateful for our service.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

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

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting: June 29, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. for Budget Hearing; 4:15 p.m. for Regular Meeting; and 5:00 p.m. for Organizational Meeting

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 on the agenda.

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