



# Innocademy

## Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

**September 21, 2023; 4:00 p.m.**

**Innocademy - Upstairs Team Room**

**8485 Homestead Drive**

**Zeeland, MI 49464** *Jessica Parker*

School Mission Statement:

*Innocademy is an inclusive public school academy that prepares PreK-8<sup>th</sup> 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 p.m.

2. Attendance

Laurie Schmitt, Jessica Parker, April Best, Abbie Petroelje

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Agenda

Abbie moved. Jessica second. Motion carries.

b. Prior Meeting Minutes - Aug 17, 2023

5. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School

Jessica celebrated great communication - via bloomz and emails; also celebrated the honor of being on the board under Laurie's leadership. Deb celebrated Erin and Kristen at the meeting with us tonight to present the Wellness and Health Proposal. Julie Hopper celebrated being able to join the board meeting tonight. Kristin shared her excitement about the data dig to see how to plan interventions. Erin celebrated the all school assemblies, especially the one led by the middle school students last week. Dave

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celebrated the new sign at the entrance. Jessenia celebrated the effort going towards attendance as well as communication with families; also celebrated staff who care. April celebrated Mr. Chad's connections class and the Outdoor Discovery Partnership. Laurie celebrated the new Connections class and the upcoming trips that are already being discussed by students. Abbie celebrated the middle school transition for her kids and the amount the boys have been spending outside; also really grateful for the emails from Jessenia. Joe celebrated his time at Innocademy last week and the way teachers and students utilized time-on-task, support of teachers with kids, impressed with middle schoolers, as well as the Connections class.

## 6. School Report

### a. Wellness and Health Proposal

Kristen and Erin presented the team who has been working to address student health and wellbeing within the student body – a whole child need that has become increasingly important. Coordinated School Health program connects health and education; including social-emotional health, cross-grade community, continuation of PBIS, mindfulness in classroom, Everyday Speech (new SEL curriculum), Youth Assessment Survey, physical education (All Kids Bike Program, return of innoZ PE), healthy school environment, family engagement, health education, reproductive health curriculum (Project BestLife).

Next steps: September 2023 - board approval for HIV education and 2 year health and wellness plan; October 2023 - form parent advisory board, youth risk assessment, classroom resources presented; February 2024 - advisory board created, All Bikes Program fundraising; June 2024 - 5th grade health curriculum approved; August 2024 - 8-12th grade reproductive health curriculum, robust outdoor PE program, health and wellness family resources; April 2025 - movement based learning training.

Laurie commented on the need for the board to see the scope and sequence of resources before moving forward.

Abbie asked about how to catch students up who have missed out on some of this education.

Erin pointed out how this has run into roadblocks before which is why the process expands out across a couple years.

Jessica shared her willingness to help create excitement about introducing the curriculum to parents to help alleviate fears or concerns.

Deb re-iterated the fact that we have access to a lot of resources through Ottawa ISD and the ways they can support the school.

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7. IES Report

a. Academic Performance Report - Julie Buchholtz, LSSU

Presentation of the degree to which students have met their educational goals. Julie began with the mission of LSSU – ensuring quality oversight and support resulting in students who are ready for their future. Whole-child student support is the reason why. Presentation of our student demographics. Educational goals include: student growth, student achievement, state and federal accountability, and academy specific goals.

Student growth: NWEA SCGP scores, student conditional growth percentiles, and NWEA SCGP trend.

Student achievement: cohort vs. non-cohort; cohort students met math and reading targets at a higher level than the non-cohort students.

State & Federal accountability : scored very well in the M-STEP compared to the rest of the state.

Academy Specific goals: positive acknowledgements, conference attendance, student growth portfolio, nature rich off site experience.

Julie shared the book she wrote that was published this summer: *Who I Am?*

8. Financial Report

a. August Financial Report

Dave presented the financial summary by Function - July 1 Budget. Comparison of expenditures from last year to this year – big change due to paying for the new ELA curriculum as well as 3 paychecks in August. Balance sheet perspective is up from last year. Comparative cash balance – hope is to remain above the previous two years. Audit coming up next month.

9. Action Items

a. N/A

10. Discussion Items

a. LSSU Governance and Compliance Report

Joe shared about how it was a strong report with only the PD from board members that was lacking full participation last year.

11. LSSU Comment

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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13. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

a. Next Regular Board Meeting: October 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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