



Innocademy

Agenda for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Jessica Parker

January 18, 2024; 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 the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.
2. Attendance: Laurie Schmitt, April Best, Jessica Parker
(Abbie joined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.)
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Agenda
April moved. Jessica seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b. Prior Meeting Minutes - December 21, 2023
5. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School

Jessenia celebrated the attendance party – almost 170 students received the ice cream prize; it meant a lot to the students who got the treat. Deb celebrated how everyone is safe after the snowy road conditions. April celebrated the Future Cities project and field trip to Novi happening next week. Jessica celebrated the Voyage of Discovery fundraiser meeting that recently happened; it was good to hear the needs and desires from parents. Joe celebrated by complimenting Jessenia and the way she structures and organizes the board meeting space and time. Laurie celebrated the communications from Leisa; they are positive, timely, and well-informed. Abbie celebrated the kids being back in school today after all the snow days. Dave celebrated how we are almost halfway through the year and it's been going smoothly.

6. IES Report

- a. N/A

7. School Report

- a. 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Seats

Still waiting to hear back from 158 students. Leisa re-sent the survey to parents today. Proposed number of seats have added a couple seats to two of the classes from 22 to 23. Ask to remain closed to any new 8th grade students because they will not be attending Innocademy next year.

8. Financial Report

- a. January Financial Report

Revenue at 27% compared to 24% last year. Still a little bit ahead. Still under 50% for instruction expenditures. Support services at 40% compared with 46% last year. Debt service at 46% compared to 45% last year. Cash in the bank is up from where it was last year.

- b. Quarterly Financials Report

This is synced up against the December budget. Includes copy of the balance sheet and labeled as Quarter Ending. Installation of sink and kiln – which are great additions to the building.

- c. Budget Amendment #1 Report

Dave presented a summary of the budget amendment and it is in a good place. A fairly decent sized gas rebate will be coming from Semco which is good for our revenue. State Aid Status report is up for section 22b which is good news. The state has a lot of grants which is great but also a lot of work. Mental health and school safety are now coming from one grant instead of two – Section 31aa. A lot of money is available in the GSRP that Innocademy receives, which allows the full day and half day program to continue as well as add another half day and to improve the spaces. Federal funding from Title IA is also helpful this year.

Mental health grant money is creating a partnership with Mosaic to provide therapy for teachers and their immediate families; Mosaic is also offering support to students who don't qualify for free mental health services. Also using money to support community building events that support and strengthen the social bonds of Innocademy.

School safety – working with a company to get a quote for cameras, check-in procedures, and the ability of the front desk to interface with teachers in the building. to help strengthen the safety of access to the building.

At Risk funds – shifting some of the funding to a class-size reduction model as well

as the purchase of intervention related software.

ESSER III – helping pay for ELA curriculum.

MS Capstone Trip – 12 of the 14 students going. Students will only have to pay \$200 out of pocket.

Net improvement: deficit has gone down significantly since July but still not at 0 yet. School still has a healthy fund balance (29.6%). Need 10-15 more students to get to a sweet spot for the long term budget.

9. Action Items

- a. Motion to approve the Quarterly Financials
Abbie moved. Jessica seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Motion to approve Budget Amendment #1
Abbie moved. Jessica seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Motion to approve Fall Board Policy Updates
Jessica moved. Abbie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Seats
April moved. Jessica seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion Items

- a. Board Member Terms Ending in June: April and Laurie

Laurie will not renew her term; due to extra grant work won't have time to commit to monthly meetings and work. Locate the spreadsheet (maybe Nick has it) to figure out the skills and needs needed to have a well-balanced board. Need to have nominations submitted by April 1. June meeting would be when the new member is sworn in.

April will renew her term.

For the next meeting: come with some names as well as characteristics needed on the board. Someone who has time as well as an ambassador for the school.

11. LSSU Comment

January is board appreciation month with gift bags with swag from LSSU. Re-con reports from Jenny. Annual budget summary is coming out by the end of the month from Becky.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting: February 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

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