

Innocademy Allegan Campus

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Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 7, 2024; 4:00 p.m. Innocademy Allegan Campus – Middle School Rooms 2611 56th Street Fennville, MI 49408

School Mission Statement:

By embracing Innovation, we inspire our students to be global leaders and thinkers who positively impact others at home and abroad.

- 1. Call to Order: Jody Vogelzang called the meeting to order at 4:00pm
- 2. Attendance:
 - a. Board members present: Jody Vogelzang, Leanne Geisterfer, Emily Kimber
 - b. Board members absent: none
 - c. IES staff: Deb Feenstra, Dave Zimmer, Erin Wyma
 - d. LSSU: Joe Thienes, Julie Buchholtz
 - e. Guests: None
- Consent Agenda: Leanne Geisterfer made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Emily Kimber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Prior Meeting Minutes April 16, 2024
- 4. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School: Jody Vogelzang celebrated that the board was able to show their appreciation of the school staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Erin Wyma also celebrated that area businesses have donated goodies to help celebrate the teachers as well.
- 5. School Report
 - a. Julie Buchholtz (LSSU) Report of Educational Goals: Julie Buchholtz reported on the school goals that are up for approval in school's reauthorization document.
 - b. Erin Wyma School Report: Erin Wyma reported many celebrations that the school

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has had this past month. She also updated the board on conversations they have been having as staff that will help solidify programing and develop a greater sense of identity as a school for the upcoming school year.

6. IES Report

a. Deb Feenstra Report: Deb Feenstra reported on the school's current enrollment, discussed past trends, and decisions that need to be made in the future.

7. Financial Report:

a. May Report on April Financials: Dave Zimmer reported on the April financials.

8. Action Items

a. Motion to approve Budget Amendment #2: Jody Vogelzang made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2 as presented. Leanne Giesterfer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

9. Discussion Items

- a. Board Mission Statement (Staff Input): Staff members poised important questions regarding the first draft of the mission statement that the board will continue to reflect upon in creating the second draft.
- b. IAC Board Self Evaluation 2024: This discussion will occur at a later date.
- c. <u>IAC Board Evaluation of IES 2024</u>: Discussion about growth opportunities between the board and IES occurred.
- d. Marketing Update: Deb Feenstra: There have been many initiatives this spring to help grow enrollment including information nights at the school, a community scavenger hunt, an incentivized referral program for current families, and yard signs for around the community. Despite all these efforts, they have discovered word of mouth has been the best way to draw new students to the school.
- 10. LSSU Comment: Joe Thienes described the previous day that he spent at the school. He had a lot of great conversations with teachers and saw the passion that each staff member has for the school and students. He also was able to talk with students about exciting things happening at the school. Joe updated the board on final steps for the reauthorization process that are being taken on finalizing legal documents.
- 11. Adjournment: Jody Vogelzang adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm.

Next Meetings:

• 2024-2025 Budget Hearing

Regular Board Meeting

June 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

June 25, 2024, at 4:15 p.m.

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Organizational Meeting

June 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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