

Innocademy Allegan Campus

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Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 19, 2024; 4:00 p.m. Innocademy Allegan Campus – Middle School Rooms 2611 56th Street Fennville, MI 49408

Current School Mission Statement:

By embracing the whole child and focusing on each student's academic growth, we inspire students to be critical thinkers and expose them to opportunities encouraging social and environmental engagement. Our year-round curriculum provides integrated outdoor learning experiences, so students engage with nature while emphasizing a culture of caring and character development, positively impacting others in the community and beyond.

- 1. Call to Order: Jody Vogelzang called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
- 2. Attendance

Board Members present: Jody Vogelzang, Leanne Geisterfer, Emily Kimber

Board Members absent: None

IES: Dave Zimmer, Erin Wyma, Jamison Andrus

LSSU: Joe Thienes

Guest: None

- Consent Agenda: Leanne Geisterfer made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Jody Vogelzang seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Prior Meetings Minutes September 17, 2024

4. Board Report

a. Board Governance Checklist: Leanne Geisterfer presented the Board Governance Checklist. The board reviewed highlighted areas and IES answered many questions. The Board was satisfied with the information provided and agreed that we complied with the LSSU Guidelines. The Board will review the checklist again in November or December of 2025.

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7. School Report

- a. School Lead Report: Erin Wyma presented the School Lead report.
- b. The Board went into closed session at 4:17pm and merged from the closed session at 4:34pm.
- 8. IES Report: Dave Zimmer presented the possibility of a school merger between Innocademy Allegan and Innocademy (Zeeland) for consideration. Questions and further discussion occurred. The Board was encouraged to develop a list of questions to inform the next steps.

9. Financial Report:

a. November Report on October Financials: Dave Zimmer presented the November report on October financials. The next budget amendment will take place in January 2025. Innocademy Allegan is on a viable path financially.

10. Action Item

- a. Motion to approve Quarterly Financials: Jody Vogelzang made a motion to approve the quarterly financials. Emily Kimber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- b. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Open Enrollment Proposal: Emily Kimber made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Open Enrollment Proposal. Leanne Geisterfer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- 11. Discussion: The Board asked IES how the new federal administration may impact funding for charter schools. Dave Zimmer replied that it would take several years to see that impact. The Board also discussed next steps regarding the creation of the Strategic Plan and then decided to resume work on it in January 2025.
- 12. LSSU Comment: Joe Thienes presented his report, highlighting LSSU's request to discuss and consider the school merger. He thanked the Board for their hard work and for completing all required PD hours for this school year. He also stated that he continues to look for new board candidates as board size continues to be an issue.
- 13. Adjournment: Jody Vogelzang adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

Next Meeting: December 17, 2024 at 4:00.

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