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**INNOCADEMY ALLEGAN CAMPUS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, May 21, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.**

**At INNOCADEMY ALLEGAN CAMPUS**

**2611 56TH Street**

**Fennville, MI 49408**

**248-505-6829**

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1. CALL TO ORDER; Teresa Kline called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm
2. ROLL CALL
  - a. Board members present: Kristi Kusek, Bill Alwin, Mark Douglas, Teresa Kline
  - b. IES Representative: Sara Vereeke, Marty Lappe, Dave Zimmer, Zach Rasmussen, Jennifer Edenburn, Lindsay VanderZwaag
  - c. LSSU: John Chandler (via phone)
  - d. Guests: Elaine Crafton
3. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Agenda – Bill Alwin made a motion to accept the motion as presented. Mark Douglas seconded. Passed unanimously
  - b. Previous Minutes – Board Meeting on April 16, 2019: Mark Douglas made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bill Alwin seconded. The board made a few clerical corrections. Kristi Kusek made a motion to accept the updated minutes as modified. Seconded by Bill Alwin. Passed unanimously.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - NONE
5. SCHOOL UPDATE
  - a. Ms. Jennifer and Mr. Zach (6/7/8 grades) – made presentations to the board on their recent activity including:
    - i. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – went fishing today and will use that data to go over mean median and mode
    - ii. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science – studying the history of the earth & ecology (learning about Isle Royale's introduction of wolves)
    - iii. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – working on solving inequalities
    - iv. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math – slope, scatter plots

- v. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Science – Studying cells, zoo projects, genetics, rest of year focused on national selection and adaptation
- vi. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA – Book clubs (including making connections), writing (great places in the US Essay & formal letter about rainforests – tying in social studies )
- vii. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA – Book clubs, writing (persuasive essay – organizing essay and citing sources - and nestwatch project with ODC – built birdhouses and watching nest projects
- viii. Social Studies – 6<sup>th</sup> grade learning European geography & political maps – 7<sup>th</sup> grade learning about ancient Greece – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade learning about western expansion

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. April Financials – Dave Zimmer reviewed this month's financials. Revenue is pretty much on target at this point in the year. Expenses trending slightly ahead of last year, however, still in an appropriate place given the position in the year. Overall financial position looks good heading into the end of the year. Dave anticipates presenting a final budget amendment to the board next month for consideration.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Kristi Kusek made a motion to approve LSSU Measure 4 Board Goals. Bill Alwin seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - a. Marty Lappe reviewed the LSSU Goals with the board – 3 goals are set by LSSU – we can locally set a Measure 4 goal. Marty shared the recommended goal
    - i. Recommended goal: Students will be active learners in their education which in turn will positively benefit educational outcomes. Marty shared the specific ways the team will be working toward achieving this goal and review this in light of the hours the students are spending in planned outdoor activities
- b. Kristi Kusek made a motion to approve the notice of a public hearing for the 2019/2020 budget. Bill Alwin seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - a. Marty Lappe shared the plans for the budget hearing and the requirement of a public notice for the upcoming budget hearing.
- c. Mark Douglas made a motion to nominate Elaine Crafton to the IAC Board, replacing Mark Douglas whose term ends June 30, 2019. Kristi Kusek seconded. Passed unanimously.

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Preview School Improvement Goals for 2019/2020: Lindsay VanderZwaag shared the 2019-20 School Improvement Goals that were created after the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Lindsay also shared the strategies that will be used to achieve these goals. The goals fall under the categories of ELA, Math, Career Development, and Student Engagement. The board had a good discussion about the goals
- b. Preview first draft of 2019/2020 Budget: Dave Zimmer gave the board a preview of the 2019-20 budget including:
  - i. Revenue assumptions – School Aide bill still in process at the state level – Governor and Senate have released their versions of this bill, however, things are moving slower towards passing this. The bill will probably won't be passed in time for the final budget development, so our budget will be based on the assumption of a \$270 per pupil increase.
  - ii. Expenditure assumptions – Budget assumes overall increase in salaries for staff and have worked on benefits to have an overall savings on the

- complete package
- iii. Preliminary budget has a slight surplus, but the staff is evaluating a few options to bring that to an overall flat budget.
  - c. Preview board meeting dates for 2019/2020 – Marty shared a tentative meeting schedule for the 2019-20 school year. The board discussed the meeting schedule and times for next year
  - d. 2019/2020 enrollment: Marty Lappe shared our current enrollment numbers for the 2019-20 school year. Our current enrollment is slightly lower than we had hoped. The team is working on some marketing efforts with the IES marketing staff member to try to reach new families.
  - e. Young 5s Program for 2019/2020: Marty Lappe reviewed the plans for the Young 5's program – we are planning to move ahead with this new program
  - f. Middle school facility strategy: Marty Lappe reviewed his work toward determining an overall strategy for Middle School. Marty asked the board to begin thinking about options that will be discussed early next year.
  - g. Board Self-Evaluation and Education Service Provider (ESP) Evaluations: Marty Lappe emailed links to the board for these 2 evaluation tools that are required annually. Marty asked one board member to volunteer to compile the data to be reviewed at the next board meeting. Kristi Kusek volunteered to compile this data and share it at the next meeting
9. LSSU COMMENT – John Chandler thanked Mark Douglas for his time on the board and welcomed Elaine.
  10. Bill Alwin made a motion to amend the agenda add an action item to re-nominate Kristi Kusek. Seconded by Mark Douglas. Passed unanimously
  11. Bill Alwin made a motion to re-nominate Kristi Kusek to a continuing term on the IAC Board, beginning June 30, 2019. Mark Douglas seconded. Passed unanimously.
  12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE
  13. ADJOURNMENT – Mark Douglas adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm. Seconded by Kristi Kusek.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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