



Innocademy Allegan
Campus

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 15, 2022; 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 4:00 p.m.
2. Attendance:
 - a. Board Members: Jody Vogelzang, Heather Deible, Julia Sopko
 - b. LSSU Representative: Lynn Methner (joining virtually)
 - c. IES Staff: Jake Hedges, Dave Zimmer, Deb Feenstra (joining virtually), Jessica Kempema, Amanda Schurman
 - d. Guests: Julie Hopper, LSSU Academic Assessment Specialist
3. School report:
 - a. Jessica Kempema (Young Fives and Kindergarten) reports on the subjects her students are learning:
 - Literacy/writing: letters and sounds, what a reader is, author and illustrator roles
 - Math: exploring manipulatives, sorting by attributes, counting to 10, more versus less, 2D shapes
 - Writing: learning the role of an illustrator, creating illustrations, practicing letter formation
 - Social studies: rules and why they're important, weather, the role of

community helpers

- Social-emotional: what it means to be a learner, establishing routine and structure, incorporating play through rotating stations
- b. Amanda Schurman (First Grade) reports on the subjects her students are learning:
- Literacy/writing: comparing and contrasting texts, vocabulary words, author and illustrator roles, main idea and settings in stories, descriptive words, sentence structure
 - Phonics: sight words, sentence mapping
 - Math: addition and subtraction within 20, pattern blocks
 - Science: animals, their camouflage, and winter adaptation
- c. Y5's/Kindergarten/First Grade field experiences:
- Overheiser Orchard, Pier Cove beach, "community helper" trip (fire station and police department), Outdoor Discovery Center

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda
- b. Prior Meeting Minutes: Jody Vogelzang made a motion to approve the September 20, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Heather Deible. Passed unanimously. (Note: The October meeting did not reach a quorum; therefore, the minutes could not be approved. However, minutes were informally recorded.)
5. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School: Jake Hedges was pleased to report that our teachers seem to be remaining healthy and at work despite the illnesses going around. He is proud of his staff and their accomplishments, particularly with the work Jessica and Amanda are doing with their Y5/K/1 cohort. Enrollment is up from last year. Board and staff are collectively celebrating a new front desk support person, and fewer half days on this year's academic calendar (fewer half days benefit both families and teachers).
6. Guest Speaker: Julie Hopper, LSSU Academic Assessment specialist, defines IAC's educational goals and relays to us how we're performing. Today, she covered the Academic Performance Report for the 2021-2022 school year. Our educational goals are comprised of student growth, student achievement, state/federal accountability, and academy-specific goals.
- a. Student growth: IAC's student growth scores, which have a target score of 50, were 62 (overall), 56 (math), and 58 (reading). These scores have trended upwards over the last three school years.
- b. Student achievement: kids who've been in school for 3+ years should generally outperform kids that have been here for fewer than 3 years. In IAC's case, we're reversed, but Julie pointed out that we're a small school and a just a couple of kids

can make a difference in those outcomes.

- c. State/Federal Accountability: on the MSTEP, 38% were advanced or proficient in ELA, 28% in math. Proficiency trending up from last year. Index score will be released within a couple weeks, but Julie doesn't anticipate any issues.
- d. Academy-specific goals: not covered in today's meeting

7. Action Items

- a. Motion to accept the June 2022 Report on Financial Report: Heather Deible made a motion to approve; Jody Vogelzang seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- b. Motion to approve the First Quarter Financial Report: Heather Deible made a motion to approve; Julia Sopko seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- c. Motion to accept the 98b Educational Goals for 2022-2023 School Year: Heather Deible made a motion to approve; Julia Sopko seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- d. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Open Enrollment Proposal: Jody Vogelzang made a motion to approve; Julia Sopko seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

8. IES Report

- a. 98c – Learning Loss Plan: Deb Feenstra explained that IES is seeking to provide students with extra needs time outside of school hours for intervention, ideally during break weeks. This intervention time would be 4 days a week during those break weeks (full time), including transportation and food service. Interventions would take place intensively during morning, with enrichment activities during afternoon hours (possibly partnering with ODC for enrichment activities). Research shows that when break weeks are used to enhance/supplement learning, learning loss is minimized. Programming is just beginning to be developed, as well as financial planning, and we will receive an update during the December board meeting. Ideally, this programming would begin during the February break week of this school year.

9. Financial Report

- a. October Financial Report: Dave Zimmer gave an update regarding our October financials. We were working with our one state aid payment in October, and have been technically underfunded – our enrollment count went up in the fall, but we're still getting funded based on the prior fall's enrollment count. This funding should sync up soon. We're currently headed down the right path with instruction budget, and trending where we should be in other areas. Came in under budget in support services, partially because we have a couple of job vacancies at the moment. Some of our numbers are "off", since we're currently working with a July budget – a budget amendment will correct this. The overall financial status is steady and we're trending where we should be.

(Note: Jody Vogelzang left the meeting at 5:14 and the board subsequently lost its quorum; however, the quorum was not needed for voting at this point forward.)

10. Discussion Items

- a. LSSU Compliance Award Grant: Jake Hedges informs us that our school applied for this grant and was approved for \$1,100 to use for PD surrounding poverty and trauma within classrooms. Currently looking for trainers.

11. LSSU Comment: Lynn Methner – LSSU is offering a 3-credit-hour certificate in social emotional learning. Chris Oshelski returning as ED of the Charter School Office.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None/NA

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. by Heather Deible.

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting: December 13, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

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