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

TUESDAY, August 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING (4:00 pm)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Heather Deible called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.
2. Jody Vogelzang Oath of office as board president: Jody could not be sworn in today due to her virtual attendance. She will be sworn in in person at the September 20th meeting.
3. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Board Members: Jody Vogelzang (joining virtually), Heather Deible, Bill Alwin, Julia Sopko
 - b. LSSU Representative: Lynn Methner
 - c. IES Staff: Reita Jaseph, Dave Zimmer, Deb Feenstra
 - d. Guests: None
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. Approve previous board minutes: Bill Alwin made a motion to approve the previous board minutes as presented. Seconded by Julia Sopko. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Approve agenda: Bill Alwin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Julia Sopko. Passed unanimously.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None/NA
6. SCHOOL REPORT:
 - a. New Staff Introductions: Reita Jaseph introduced the following new staff members: Dorothy DeMay, art; Susanne O'Shea, special education; Lisa Stinson, school secretary; and Amanda Schurman, first grade.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Jody Vogelzang School Board Application Signature: Jody's signature was not acquired today due to her virtual attendance.
- b. Family Resource Guide: Reita Jaseph introduced the 2022-2023 Family Resource Guide, which includes the updated school calendar, staffing changes, and updated staff names/e-mail addresses. The Guide will be available digitally via the Innocademy Allegan website.
- c. Staffing Update: Reita Jaseph introduced IAC's new staff members as indicated in the School Report above.
- d. Enrollment Update: IAC's current enrollment is 90 students. This is lower than the spring's projected 110 students, but enrollment is ongoing as interest continues and paperwork is completed by parents. The current enrollment goal is 100 students, and with the continuing interest and community engagement, the goal seems feasible. Overall, enrollment is up from the last two years.
- e. Review June Financials, Esser Grant Update: See Financials section below.
- f. LSSU Field Report: Lynn Methner shares that there is nothing new to report.

8. FINANCIALS:

- a. June Financials: Dave Zimmer shared June's financials with the board as we head toward the upcoming audit. The budget is sitting at or near expected numbers. A slight increase in the budget is expected, which is normal given circumstances such as the addition of special ed/compensatory ed programs and enrollment issues.
- b. Esser Grant Update: We have not yet tapped into our Esser grant or programmed those funds; they need be used for the intent in which they're programmed.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approve Spring Board Policy Updates: These updates were discussed last spring. There were two changes made regarding grant funds and procurement of federal grant money. Heather Deible signed off on the updates. Bill Alwin made a motion to approve the updates, and Julia Sopko seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- b. Approve All Curriculum: Reita Jaseph explained that IAC will be using the same curriculum(s) as last year, which were approved at that time. There is some exploration into a new science and ELA curriculum, but there will be no changes at this time. Julia Sopko made a motion to approve all curriculum, and Bill Alwin seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

10. STRATEGIC DISCUSSION:

- a. Program Evaluations: Reita Jaseph suggested the possibility of program evaluations for both the middle and elementary schools. It was unanimously agreed that all programs benefit from a system of checks and balances, and evaluating current programs and spending would be generally beneficial. Renewed evaluations are especially needed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, since education has changed substantially as a result.

- b. ELA Curriculum Exploration: As mentioned above, Reita Jaseph expressed IAC's desire to explore a new ELA curriculum. Deb Feenstra emphasized a need to pay attention to the alignment between K-5 and middle school curricula in order to allow for a smooth transition between them. Currently, there are no changes to the ELA (or any other) curriculum.

11. LSSU COMMENT: None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None/NA

13. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. by Heather Deible.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: September 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

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