



Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 21, 2023; 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. LSSU Staff: Lynn Methner
 - b. IES Staff: Deb Feenstra (joining virtually), Jake Hedges
 - c. Board: Jody Vogelzang (joining virtually), Heather Deible, Bill Alwin, Julie Sopko
 - d. Other Attendees: Lisa Schulz
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Agenda: Bill Alwin made a motion to approve. Heather Deible seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Prior Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2022
4. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School: Both board and staff are happy to celebrate the nomination of new board member, Emily Kimber. Lynn Methner is grateful to have arrived safely from LSSU, and to have had some time to connect with the first grade students before our meeting.
5. School Report
 - a. 98b Educational Goals Mid-Year Progress Report**: This year focused on MAPS testing for grades 2 through 8, and the newer Dibels testing for kindergarten and first grade. The mid-year goal was to be at or above the 50th percentile for K-8, which would indicate a minimum of average growth. Overall, the math median goal was met, but reading scores were down. Factors at play in testing results: lack of

interventionist/intervention support (whereas we saw significant growth last year with an interventionist); a new math curriculum which has garnered mixed reviews from teachers; a reading curriculum that may not have supported this year's Dibels testing; Dibels benchmarks set low at the beginning of year, and increasing significantly for midwinter; our sample sizes being very small (with the performance of even one student having the ability to significantly impact scoring outcomes). Also, comparisons from last year are difficult due to a larger group of kids last year, with K/1 being included then, and not now. Math goals (baseline year 2018, end goal year 2025): increase MSTEP scoring by 13%. The goal for math proficiency percentage was 47.55 by 2025, and we're already at 60.08. We have adjusted/increased the 2025 goal to account for this.

1. **: The 98b Educational Goals Mid-Year Progress Report is a part of PA48, or the Public Act 48 Plan/Mid-Year Goal Reporting.
 - b. 2023-2024 Open Enrollment Seats: IAC's current enrollment is 95 students. As of right now, there are 97 students projected to enroll for next year, and that number is expected to increase nearer to the end of the year/beginning of next year. Our total seat cap will be 119 for 2023-2024 (dictated in part by limits of our septic system). Proposed seat caps do include a +2 flexibility to accommodate families with multiple children. Should our enrollment exceed expectations, there will be further conversation about hiring additional support (paras/teachers/student teachers/etc.).
 - c. Strategic Plan Update
6. IES Report
 - a. ESSER III Plan: Air purifiers will be purchased for classrooms and small spaces in hopes of reducing overall illness risk. Funds will also be used to address academic impact. A small school concept is important in the Allegan area, and funds will be used to create and maintain this small environment. Also being addressed: attendance tracking, support for middle school teachers, social/emotional and mental health needs, a new ELA curriculum, mental health support for teachers, and strengthening our partnership with the Outdoor Discovery Center.
 - b. Enrollment Update: See item 5b above.
 - c. New Board Member Nominee: Emily Kimber
7. Financial Report
 - a. January Financial Report: Dave Zimmer is not in attendance at today's meeting. Deb Feenstra reports that there are no major changes from December's budget amendment.
8. Action Items
 - a. Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 Open Enrollment Seats, as presented: Heather Deible made a motion to approve. Julie Sopko seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

- b. Motion to Approve the Nomination of Emily Kimber as a Board Member, as presented: Heather Deible made a motion to approve. Julie Sopko seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- c. Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Calendars, as presented: Heather Deible made a motion to approve. Bill Alwin seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

9. Discussion Items

- a. Break week intervention program: 19 students participated, along with two of our IAC teachers, fitting nicely within our goal of a 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio. The kids had a great time and the teachers felt the program was successful. The next intervention week will be over the May break week.
10. LSSU Comment: In response to our need for board members, Lynn Methner proposed gathering a group of “board members in waiting”. She also reminds us that board members are asked to participate in two professional development hours per year, and suggested some upcoming PD opportunities.
11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: N/A
12. Adjournment: Jody Vogelzang adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.
- a. Next Regular Board Meeting: March 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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