



Innocademy Allegan
Campus

2611 56th Street
Fennville, MI
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Agenda for the Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 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 3:59 p.m.
2. Board Member Oath of Office: Emily Kimber completed her oath of office and officially became an IAC Board Member.
3. Attendance: IAC Board: Jody Vogelzang, Bill Alwin, Julia Sopko, Emily Kimber; IES Staff: Deb Feenstra, Dave Zimmer, Jake Hedges; LSSU Staff: Lynn Methner (joining virtually); Other (Board Nominee): Dianne Kasten
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Prior Meeting Minutes (from the February 21, 2022 meeting): Jody Vogelzang made a motion to approve. Julia Sopko seconded the motion. Passed unanimously/motion carried.
5. Board and Staff Celebrations of the School: Jake Hedges celebrated a successful three days of staff professional development, as well as a staff bonding event. Safety protocol was reviewed during a recent meeting. Jake and staff are looking forward to the upcoming parent-teacher conferences and spring break.
6. School Report
 - a. Enrollment Update: As of this meeting, IAC's enrollment sits at 95. The school currently has 103 enrolled for next year. Kindergarten currently has 16 students enrolled for next year, nearing the class enrollment cap of 18 (with a +2 leeway for students of currently enrolled siblings).

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- b. Break Week Intervention Data Report: IAC held its first intervention week during the February break week. Afterwards, some students were re-tested for growth in selected areas.

Kindergarten and first graders were retested on letter sounds and showed growth.

Second grade was tested on reading accuracy and also showed growth.

Third and fourth grades were also tested on reading accuracy. Results showed one drop in scoring, one student who maintained their results, and two who demonstrated growth.

Of the 14 students retested, 11 out of the 14 demonstrated growth, 1 out of the 14 maintained previous scores, and 2 of the 14 showed learning loss.

Jake emphasized the fact that the school currently does not have an interventionist, which he believes plays a big role in any student learning struggles. It's also important to remember that these re-assessments are based on just one break week's worth of intervention work. The staff and students look forward to another intervention week during the break week in May.

7. IES Report

- a. Fall Board Policy Update - Deb Feenstra emphasizes the need to make sure we're in compliance with all board policies. There are three minor changes proposed within the board policy packet, all regarding verbiage:

All words reading "school" are to be changed to "academy";

"Him/her" will be changed to "they";

"Parents" and "guardians" will be changed to "individuals".

Motion to approve verbiage changes proposed by Bill Alwin. Motion seconded by Julie Sopko. Passed unanimously.

8. Financial Report

- a. February Financial Report - Dave Zimmer presents the financial report. Our budget is currently on target with local, state, and federal funding sources. There is a need to purchase a new ELA curriculum, as well as classroom projectors. Our budget is well equipped to handle school operations, and Dave is looking to have a strong end to the year as the campus is growing financially.
- b. Budget Timeline Resolution: Jody Vogelzang moves to approve. Julie Sopko seconded. Motion carried.

9. Action Items

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- a. Motion to Approve the Budget Timeline Resolution: Motion carried (see above).
- b. Motion to Approve the Nomination of Dianne Kasten as a Board Member: Motion to approve by Bill Alwin. Emily Kimber seconds the motion. Motion carried.

10. Discussion Items

- a. Staff Appreciation Week: Third and fourth grade teacher Michelle Tourangeau will be asking the PTO for participation in celebrating Staff Appreciation Week, which is May 8-12, 2023. The Board expressed their willingness to help as well.
- b. Julia Sopko Resignation: Julia’s resignation from the IAC Board was accepted.

11. LSSU Comment: Lynn Methner presents the opportunity for continuing education credits, approved by the Michigan Department of Education to offer an endorsement in learning disabilities. The course is online and asynchronous, lasting four semesters, with a student teaching requirement. Anyone with a teaching or administration certificate may take advantage of the program. Lynn also reminds the group of Charter School Week, May 8-12, 2023 (with Charter School Day being May 12). LSSU would like to have school visibility at the state Capitol during this week, offering to offset gas and mileage.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: N/A

13. Adjournment - Jody Vogelzang adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting: April 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

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