



**Innocademy Allegan
Campus**

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Minutes for the Informational Meeting of the Board of Directors

**September 17, 2024; 4:00 p.m.
Innocademy Allegan Campus -
Middle School Rooms
2611 56th Street
Fennville, MI 49408**

Current School Mission Statement:

By embracing the whole child and focusing on each student's academic growth, we inspire students to be critical thinkers and expose them to opportunities encouraging social and environmental engagement. Our year-round curriculum provides integrated outdoor learning experiences, so students engage with nature while emphasizing a culture of caring and character development, positively impacting others in the community and beyond.

1. Call to Order: Jody Vogelzang called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.
2. Attendance:
 - a. Board members present: Jody Vogelzang, Emily Kimber, Leanne Geisterfer (present virtually)
 - b. Board members absent: none
 - c. IES: Dave Zimmer, Michelle Tourangeau
 - d. LSSU: Joe Thienes, Chris Oshelski (virtually), Julie Buchholtz (virtually)
 - e. Guests: none
3. Special Guest: Chris Oshelski: Chris Oshelski encouraged the board to review the board's bylaws and reminded the board that best practice is to hold nine to ten monthly board meetings. Next, Chris shared upcoming legislation that could affect charter schools. He also shared different ways to provide opportunities to grow the relationship between LSSU and Innocademy Allegan Campus students and staff.
4. Consent Agenda: Jody Vogelzang acknowledged the consent agenda and previous minutes, however the board did not vote to approve them because it was an informational meeting.
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Prior Meetings Minutes - August 20, 2024
5. Special Guest: Julie Buchholtz : Julie Buchholtz presented the Annual Education Report for the academy. Julie presented the NWEA overall score for the 2023-2024 school year, as



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well as for reading and math. The score was below average, but did show growth from the 2022-2023 school year. She also compared cohort student scores to non-cohort students. The cohort students outperformed non-cohort students in both reading and math. The academy also met the academy specific goal regarding outdoor learning experiences for students.

6. Board Report: Jody Vogelzang reflected on a meeting that she and Erin Wyma had reviewing her school report. She celebrated that after reflecting together, many steps are already being taken within the school to meet all of the goals and objectives.

7. School Report: Michelle Tourangeau shared that school report. She celebrated all that Erin Wyma has brought to the school and the ways the school is already benefiting from her experience, her level of communication with the staff, and her passion for the school and students.

- a. School Lead Report

8. IES Report

- a. Recent Capital Improvements: Dave Zimmer reported improvements made on the physical building.
 - b. Policy 2264 - BP Section NCSI Title IX Special Release: First Reading: Dave Zimmer reviewed the proposed policy changes. He highlighted one change is making the HR director the recipient of Title IX complaints instead of the school lead.

9. Financial Report:

- a. September Report on August Financials: Dave Zimmer reported on the August financials.
 - b. Financial Audit Update: Dave Zimmer reported that the financial audit occurred last week. Overall, the process went well and the report will be shared at an upcoming board meeting.

10. Action Item

- a. N/A

11. Discussion: Jody Vogelzang updated the board on the process of growing board members.

- a. N/A

12. LSSU Comment

- a. Governance and Compliance Report: Joe Thienes complimented the annual report and stated that there are a lot of strong components in the report. He also complimented the board on their regular meetings, full participation in professional development, and its regular reviewing of strategic goals and objectives.
 - b. Board Manual



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- i. Section 5: The board discussed the relationship between the academy, the board, and Lake Superior State as the authorizer.
- ii. Section 3: The board discussed educational law that the school board members should know.

13. Adjournment: Jody Vogelzang adjourned the meeting at 5:42pm.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2024 at 4:00.

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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