

ICS Board of Directors Open Session  
Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2019

Present: Carmen Flores, Sommer Drake, Justin Thundercloud, Carrie McGhee Gleba, Diane Amour

Also present: Jason Dropik, Tom Oehler, Melissa Deutsch, Siobhan Marks, Bonnie Scharber, Mark Powless, Jacob Valtierra, Debbie Martindale

Guest: Sarah Smith (observer)

Justin Thundercloud smudged the group.

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m.

Carrie McGhee Gleba led us in a song and prayer.

Carmen Flores recited the Mission Statement.

Sara Smith was welcomed to the meeting and an apology made for the late start of the meeting.

**It was moved by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to approve the May 1, 2019 ICS/SO Board Joint Executive Session minutes. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

**It was moved by Sommer Drake and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve the Executive Session minutes of May 1, 2019. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

**It was moved by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to approve the Budget Retreat minutes of May 4, 2019. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

**It was moved by Sommer Drake and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve the Executive Session minutes of May 8, 2019. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

**It was moved by Sommer Drake and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve the Open Session minutes of May 15, 2019. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

**It was moved by Sommer Drake and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve the Executive Session minutes of May 15, 2019. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

The minutes of the May 31, 2019 Executive Session meeting were tabled until the June 19 Executive Session meeting.

Transition Coordinator Report – Jason Dropik introduced Jacob Valtierra, Transition Coordinator. Mr. Dropik explained that Mr. Valtierra was invited to present his End of the Year report to the Board. He also noted that Mr. Valtierra and his position has been a great addition to ICS and he is highly regarded by the staff.

The Board welcomed Mr. Valtierra to the meeting.

Mr. Valtierra thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting and stated that he enjoys being at the school and working with the students, families and staff.

Mr. Valtierra reviewed the activities and programs he developed or participated in during the past year. They included:

- Increased awareness of college and career opportunities.
- Increased connections with the alumni through both electronic and printed media.
- Increased alumni events.
- Implementation of an alumni tracking data program.
- Relationship building with community partners.
- Assisted in building the I Can Soar Scholarship portal.
- Various professional development programs.

Mr. Valtierra then reviewed the results of the alumni survey taken at alumni events which outlined areas of interest to our alumni.

The Board thanked Mr. Valtierra for his presentation and his work at the school.

Mr. Valtierra departed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Head of School report – Jason Dropik reported:

- The final Accreditation report has been received from AdvancED, and announced that we are accredited for the next 5 years.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade camping trip on the grounds was a success and will continue in future years.
- Interviews are taking place for open positions.

Chief Financial Officer Report – Tom Oechler reported:

- New radios have been ordered for staff.
- The Bat houses have been installed.
- Food service offered a summer cookout lunch program that was well received.
- The results of the Food Service survey will be given at the State of School meeting in July.
- The Sound and video systems for the Community Main and Gym have been selected and purchased.
- Materials for the Audit are being worked on.

Mr. Oechler reviewed the monthly financials with the group.

Communications and Marketing Director Report – Siobhan Marks reported:

- Filming for the movie continues and will be completed by June 9. 35 interviews have been scheduled.
- The Sewing Saturday skirt/shirt/vest goal has been reached.
- The yearbook was completed and distributed during 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. The remaining will be available at the powwow.
- Electronic newsletter results are still disappointing.

Suggestions were given that may increase readership of the newsletter. They included:

- Inform parents/guardians that because one of our goals is to be better stewards of the environment we now do an electronic version instead of paper.

- Include more news articles such as stories about what has happened over the week, things students are learning in the classroom, etc. It was also noted that the newsletter does not need to be in color.

Ms. Marks and Mr. Dropik will collaborate on how to bring the story suggestions together.

Our Ways Director report – Mark Powless reported:

- The new drum has been finished.
- Darryl Hill came to the school and taught the students and Ronnie Preston the new school song. They feasted the new drum and played the new song on it.
- Hand drums were made during the 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip.
- The May mini powwow was amazing. Mr. Zimmerman emceed the powwow in Ojibwemowin and though the agenda was the same as others, everyone got to hear it in a different language.
- Our Ways is looking forward to any movement on the master grounds plan to continue identifying curriculum opportunities.
- The end-of-year powwow will be held outdoors and take place by the Spirit Pole.
- Curriculum work with language team aligning with the world standards continues.
- Working on the Our Ways Teaching and Learning Framework and more will be shared with the Academic and Culture committees.

Scholarship Committee – There were no questions on the report. It was requested to receive a more detailed report on scholarship eligibility.

Board Governance Committee – Ms. Flores reported that the committee:

- adjusted the committee roster;
- approved the 2019-2020 Board meeting dates;
- reviewed the guidelines for Open Meeting procedures and are making revisions to be shared for approval when completed.

Academics Committee – Ms. Drake reported that the committee reviewed the AdvancED accreditation report and progress on the course overviews.

Building & Grounds Committee – It was requested that questions from the committee meeting minutes be directed to Mr. Oechler.

AISES Conference – Mr. Dropik reported that ICS students have been invited to participate in activities during the conferences. The conference will be held during the same week as the NIEA conference in October. Dr. Deutsch reported that ICS will be hosting a STEM event at the school prior to the conference. Mr. Dropik, Dr. Deutsch and Ms. Marks will collaborate on the event and provide the Board an update.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Diane Amour, Secretary

6/19/19  
Date Approved