

ICS Board of Director Open Session
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2018

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

Also present: Bonnie Thielecke, Tom Oechler, Siobhan Marks, Jason Dropik, Dr. Mark Powless, Debbie Martindale

Guest: Dr. Chris Cornelius, Studio Indigenou

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

Jason Dropik smudged the group.

Diane Amour led the group in Prayer and a moment of silence.

Justin Thundercloud recited the Mission Statement.

The Board welcomed Dr. Cornelius to the meeting. Ms. Flores explained that Dr. Cornelius was invited to discuss the Design Goal Statement which will now incorporate campus environment goals.

Dr. Cornelius began to review his suggested changes to the existing Architectural Design Goals Statement and asked for additional comments. He also suggested changing the document name to: Architectural Design Goals: Incorporating Campus Environmental Goals. Suggestions and comments to be include and consider were:

- Repurposing the FRC motor skills room to use as a place to store rain gear, etc. to save time from going to lockers and returning making it easier to go outside faster.
- We have maxed out all the space that we have.
- Additional areas for teaching, i.e. social dance and music class at the same time. We need to develop more spaces.
- Need to get the spirit center back to the original purposes.
- Find multiple uses for spaces; example, the library.
- Develop more creative storage access in classrooms.
- Make outside to inside places more fluid.

Mr. Cornelius stated he would like to pull together a matrix of spaces, identify what they are now, what could they be, and identify how we can be more strategic about how to utilize those spaces and how to pursue it.

Additional suggestions included:

- Using the greenhouse to actually grow things that we will use in the kitchen.
 - Hydroponics or aquaponics
 - Food-to-table
- Labeling areas outside identifying areas (prairie, medicine plants, wetlands, etc.).
- Make use of what we have already, like the playing fields. If we're not going to use them they should be something else.
- Be considerate of herbicide use... be more environmentally friendly...
- Make a powwow arbor.
- The woods could be a classroom.

- Fitness center isn't really being used.
- Plant another marker tree, where would we put it and be able to teach about it in the outside classes.
 - Consider planning within the biomes (savannah, prairie, wetlands)
 - Preservation, Cultivation
- Help facilitate natural relationships for plants and help them grow. (companion planting)
- Create food plots for the deer.
- Put benches and water out for people who come to visit the grounds, need to make it more inviting to have families come out with their kids.
- Need more seating areas.
- Need to address the bathroom needs outside.
- Grow a community pumpkin patch.
- Fire pits outside.
- Create an outside kitchen.
- Need to be cognizant of chemicals going into the ponds. Feel that one of the ponds is a natural pond and has fish in it.
- Window boxes for classrooms to grow their own foods and medicines.
- Complete plant inventory

Dr. Cornelius stated that discussion has taken place regarding the limited seating in the Drum. It is his suggestion that it be dismantled and that the seating be reconfigured.

The group agreed that we need to have a separate conversation regarding lack of storage. It was suggested that an inventory of all the items in all the areas be completed so we know what we have and where is it located. This information will help to determine how to use the space accurately.

Mr. Dropik requested guidance from Dr. Cornelius for the refurbishing of the library. He provided some suggestions.

Ms. Flores suggested that Dr. Cornelius return for the July 11, 2018 Board meeting and share his recommendations with the Board.

It was moved by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to approve the Board Open Session minutes of May 16, 2018. The motion carried. (4-0-1) Amour abstained.

It was moved by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to approve the Board Executive Session Minutes of May 16, 2018. The motion carried. (4-0-1). Amour abstained.

Finance Report – Tom Oechler reported that the school experienced an air conditioning failure. It is believed there is a leak underground and measures are being taken to locate it. More information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Oechler reviewed the financial statements with the group.

Head of School Report – Jason Dropik reported that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Gerald L. Ignace Health Center has been signed and both organizations are looking forward to continuing to build supportive services. He also stated that the proposal submitted by he and Dr. Mark Powless has been accepted by NIEA and that they will be presenting at the NIEA Conference in October. A newsletter

is being sent to parents informing them of the staffing changes taking place at the school and introducing them to the new staff members

Chief Academic Officer Report – Ms. Flores requested that any questions be directed to Dr. Brazouski.

Our Ways Director Report – Dr. Powless reported:

- A request was made to the Board for a donation of \$500 to be used for the end of year powwow. The request was made as a contingency, should expenses exceed the current budget.

It was moved by Sommer Drake and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve a donation of \$500 to the ICS End of Year Powwow Committee to be used for participant gifts and spot dances. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

The Board requested that this amount should be placed in future End of Year Powwow budgets.

Dr. Powless also reported:

- He is meeting with Dr. Noodin to work with language teachers during the summer to create language outcomes. He is confident there will be strength in language programming going forward.
- Ms. Niko Daniels is working on a proposal to intertwine FRC classes with more culture and language.
- Would like to keep culture advocates (Niko Daniels & Ronnie Preston) to continue working with the school.

Dr. Powless provided an update to the End of Year Powwow.

Discussion was held on the school mentoring program. It was suggested that the program be reviewed and revised, and to possibly check with other schools on what they do. It was also commented that there are different ways to look at mentoring, such as clubs and apprenticeships and traditional journeys. The school does not have to use the current and past models. Mr. Dropik stated that he will be getting a group together before school ends and start gathering ideas.

A break was taken at 7:42 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 8:01 p.m.

Communications and Marketing Report – Ms. Marks reviewed her report with the group. In addition, she stated that the school will look into getting eagle fluffs for future 8th grade graduation and students would be given a teaching on them. Dr. Powless will research if a veteran has to give the teaching on eagle fluffs.

It was also suggested that “Welcome Back” canoe rides be given at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Oechler reviewed the committee minutes with the group.

Community Relations Committee – Ms. Amour reviewed the committee minutes with the group.

Scholarship Committee – Mr. Thundercloud reviewed the committee minutes with the group.

Strategic Planning Committee – Ms. Drake reviewed the committee minutes with the group.

Safety Grant – Mr. Oechler reported that he and Mr. Strickland have been working on a Safety Grant which will be submitted on June 8, 2018. The grant is in the about of \$20,000 and would be used to enhance security measures at the school. Trauma informed care to the staff was noted as a condition of the grant.

It was moved by Diane Amour and seconded by Sommer Drake to approve the submission of the Wisconsin Department of Justice School Safety Initiative Grant application in the amount of \$20,000 for safety improvement at the Indian Community School. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Budget – Mr. Oechler reported that the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year budget is near completion and will be presented for approval at the June 20, 2018 Board Executive Session.

Service Award Program – Ms. Thielecke provided an update on the progress of the Committee and stated that they are planning a September 24, 2018 launch date. The presentation will be at 3:30 p.m. and it was requested that available Board members should attempt to attend.

It was moved by Justin Thundercloud and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve the Service Award program as presented. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Amour, Secretary

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Date Approved