

ICS Board of Directors Open Meeting Session
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019

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

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

Mark Powless smudged the group.

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m.

Tom Oechler led the group in prayer.

Jason Dropik recited the Mission Statement.

It was moved by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to approve the June 17, 2019 Executive Session minutes. The motion carried. 5-0-0

It was moved by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to approve the June 19, 2019 Executive Session minutes. The motion carried. 5-0-0

It was moved by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Sommer Drake to approve the June 19, 2019 Closed Session minutes. The motion carried. 5-0-0

Head of School – Jason Dropik reported:

- It was an excellent end of year powwow and he thanked the committee, faculty and staff for an outstanding event.
- The unveiling of the Franklin Library Mural project was very well received and was attended by students, staff and board members. He announced that the Library is discussing relocating the ICS artwork to their fireplace mantle, which is the focal point of the library. He will be working with Ms. Marks on signage.
- 8th grade graduation was held on June 3rd, and it was the largest recent graduating class with 35 students. The event was held in the gym which was the perfect venue. It was large enough to accommodate all and noise level was not a concern.

Chief Financial Officer report – Tom Oechler reported:

- Progress has been made on the native language signage and there will be getting a rendering to share.
- Orders for furniture for Our Ways has been placed and is planned to be installed this summer.
- A proposal for new lighting will be shared with the Building and Grounds Committee.
- A local roofing company will be inspecting the flat roofs to be used for the proposed renewable energy project in order to provide projected costs.
- Food Service is supporting Summer School and researching the replacement of some equipment.
- IT will be working on the installation of the new sound system the week of July 15.
- New Ipads and Chromebooks have been ordered.
- Accounting is getting ready for the audit.
- Accounting is working with VanGuard on the 401(k) program.

Mr. Oechler reviewed the financial report with the group.

Our Ways Director – Mark Powless reported:

- He attended the Spotted Eagle Open House.
- He attended a lecture at the Newberry Library in Chicago. He suggested the Library may be a future field trip for our students or alumni.
- Dylan Jennings and Jason Schlender visited and provided their input on including culture with academics. They have been invited to present at a PD day and work with the staff
- Language work continues and he will be scheduling a meeting with the language teachers and apprentices to work on the learning targets.

Communications & Marketing Director – Siobhan Marks reported:

- The yearbook was very well received. 245 books were gifted and 55 were sold. The remaining will be used for VIP packets and to give to the Support Organization.
- Students wore the ribbon skirts, shirts and vests made during sewing Saturdays at the end of year powwow.
- Chris Eyre reported that after rough cuts are made, he will know better if any additional filming needs to be done for the History Film.
- NIEA is still interested in having the play at the conference, but not for Culture Night.
- Play practice is going well. We have eight students but will be recruiting more from the ICS Exclusive News Team to help. The estimated need for the play is 16 students.

Scholarship Committee – Justin Thundercloud reported the committee met to discuss a student who has not met the scholarship requirements and requested approval for the probationary scholarship. The committee met with the student and parent to discuss the request, our concerns, and expectations. The committee awarded the scholarship provided the student meets specific requirements outlined by the committee.

Academic Committee – Sommer Drake reported that the committee reviewed the vertical alignment for reading and math, discussed progress on the Our Ways Learning Framework, the creation of a Maker Space, and the State of the School presentation.

Board Governance Committee – Diane Amour reported that the committee met and reviewed the legal opinion regarding our religious status. Ms. Martindale was asked to forward the legal opinion to the Direct Reports and requested that it be included in the Annual Meeting binder. The Open Meeting document and some policies were reviewed and revisions were made. These documents will be reviewed by the committee at their next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Urban American Indian Conference to be held November 7-9, 2019. Ms. Martindale will share the information with Ms. Marks. Board members interested in attending should contact Ms. Martindale.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Amour, Secretary

8/7/2019
Date Approved