

ICS Board of Directors Open Board Session
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2020

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

Also present via Zoom: LaVetta Buckley-Hunter, Brian Leibl, Siobhan Marks, Dr. Mark Powless, Dr. Melissa Deutsch, Jason Dropik, Debbie Martindale

Guests present via Zoom: Kristen Bigley

Carmen Flores called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Diane Amour led the group in prayer.

Dr. Melissa Deutsch recited the Mission Statement.

Ms. Bigley joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m. as an observer.

Motion by Sommer Drake and second by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve the October 21, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Head of School Report – Jason Dropik reported:

- Parent/Teacher conference had 71% attendance, slightly below what we typically average for the conference but better than family orientation. He explained the steps to provide the conference information to the 29% that did not attend. He will also provide information on the percentage of remote vs. in-person parents attending.
- Trunk or Treat was well received. FRC and Facilities made sure everything was done safely. He approved the attendance of four community organizations that have participated in the past. He also approved 31 family and staff trunks that had registered with FRC. Students and families did not pre-register.

Chief Financial Officer Report – Moved to Executive Session.

Our Ways Director Report – Dr. Mark Powless reported:

- Interest and conversations continue regarding the Ho-Chunk Language and Culture teacher position. He will continue to update the Board as information is acquired.
- Our Ways is fully staffed in-person at this time.
- There were 124 Zoom participants at the NIEA presentation he and Audra did, with several expressing interest and one requesting assistance with starting a language platform.

Communications & Marketing Director – Siobhan Marks reported:

- The department assisted with the Indigenous People's Day activities by doing a Water Walk and providing teachings. She thanked Ms. Amour for her assistance with the program.
- A t-shirt commemorating Orange Shirt Day was designed and distributed to staff.
- Many pictures were taken of Indigenous People's Day activities, the Deer Harvest Camp, and Orange Shirt Day.
- Work has begun with the ICS Exclusive News Team.

Academic Committee – Sommer Drake reported the committee met with Mr. Leibl to review Q1 budget results for the Academic, Food Service, Family Resource, and Information Technology departments.

Community Relations Committee – Diane Amour reported:

- The committee reviewed the Communications and Marketing Q1 budget.
- The sixth-grade class is doing a Wall of Honor for the Veterans Day celebration. Students are making bracelets and writing letters to Veterans.
- The video created by Northwestern University has been released. ICS contacted Patti Loew regarding a correction. Ms. Amour provided further details.

Master Grounds ad hoc Committee – Ms. Amour explained the purpose of the committee is to develop a document that will guide future developments and placement of items/plantings/construction on ICS grounds.

Finance Committee – Question on the Finance Committee minutes should be sent to Justin Thundercloud.

Ms. Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Amour, Secretary

11/18/2020
Date Approved