

ICS Board of Directors Open Session
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2020

Present: Diane Amour, Justin Thundercloud, Carrie McGhee Gleba, Carmen Flores
Also present via Zoom: Sommer Drake
Also present: Jason Dropik, Dr. Mark Powless, Debbie Martindale
Also present via Zoom: Dr. Melissa Deutsch, Brian Leibl, LaVetta Buckley-Hunter
Excused: Siobhan Marks

Guest present via Zoom: Kristin Bigley

Jason Dropik smudged the group.

Justin Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Carrie McGee Gleba led the group in prayer and a moment of reflection.

Dr. Powless read the Mission Statement.

Ms. Bigley did not have any public comment.

Motion by Carrie McGhee Gleba and second by Carmen Flores to approve the November 18, 2020 Executive Session minutes. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Head of School Report – Jason Dropik confirmed that he is developing a proposal for a Mental Health program in partnership with Ignace. The Board would like the following items addressed in his proposal: The need of the program and how the program will impact the Social Workers and counseling needs.

It was asked if the Transition Coordinator was reaching out to assist remote students. Mr. Dropik will discuss this with him. They stated that a presentation by the Transition Coordinator and the Family Resource Director be placed as a future agenda item.

Mr. Dropik explained the initial high rate of absenteeism of students not returning from the Thanksgiving break and noted that the number is decreasing daily.

Our Ways Director Reports – Dr. Mark Powless reviewed his report and spoke of future MAP testing, the Our Ways Display case on the 2nd floor and the visit to River Edge Nature Center.

Strategic Planning Committee – Sommer Drake reported that the committee continues to meet and review action plans.

Community Relations Committee – There were no questions for Ms. Amour.

Scholarship Committee – Mr. Thundercloud reported that the committee reviewed and revised the I Can Soar Scholarship Requirements and Guidelines document. The committee is requesting Board approval of the document. Mr. Dropik assured the Board that the Transition Coordinator reviews the scholarship Guidelines and Requirements document and the website portal with each student and family. The Board requested that conversations about the Scholarship program begin with students in 5th or 6th grade. Mr. Dropik agreed that there is a need to improve communication with the students and families. He reported that there are 8th grade students who are working on meeting the Community Service requirement by assisting with projects around the school.

Motion by Diane Amour and second by Carmen Flores to approve the revised I Can Soar Scholarship Requirements and Guidelines as submitted. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Academic Committee – Sommer Drake reviewed the committee minutes. Dr. Melissa Deutsch reported we have received 49 surveys from our remote learners. Winter assessments will be held regardless of whether students are in-person or remote. Ms. Bigley will present at the next meeting. Ms. Drake reported the committee discussed Mr. Dropik’s request for on-site mental health support and provided a list of items to be addressed in his proposal.

Board Committee Roster – Ms. Flores stated that there had been a recommendation that an additional Board Member be included on the Community Relations Committee. Mr. Thundercloud has agreed to serve on the committee and Carrie McGhee Gleba agreed to serve on the Board Governance Committee.

Mr. Thundercloud adjourned the Open Session meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Amour, Secretary

12/16/2020

Approved Date