

ICS Board of Directors Open Session  
Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2021

Present: Carmen Flores, Diane Amour, Carrie McGhee Gleba, Sommer Drake, Justin Thundercloud  
Also present: Jason Dropik, Dr. Mark Powless, Siobhan Marks,  
Also present via Zoom: LaVetta Buckley-Hunter  
Guest present via Zoom: Dr. Margaret Noodin

Jason Dropik smudged the gathering.

Carmen Flores called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Siobhan Marks led the group in prayer and a moment of silence.

Diane Amour recited the Mission Statement.

Carrie McGhee Gleba thanked Dr. Margaret Noodin for attending the meeting. Dr. Noodin spoke of the activities of the Electa Quinney Institute during the past year including an update on:

- Scholarship activity,
- Upcoming possible grant activity, and
- Implementation of potential language programs with Bad River and Red Cliff.

Dr. Noodin will send Debbie Martindale the documents for her presentation to distribute to the Board.

Ms. McGhee Gleba and Justin Thundercloud joined the meeting in person at 5:29 p.m.

Ms. Gleba and Ms. Flores thanked Dr. Noodin for joining the meeting. Dr. Noodin departed the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

**Motion by Sommer Drake and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba to accept the December 16, 2020 Executive Session minutes. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

Head of School Report – Jason Dropik reported:

- Four new students are joining ICS. Ms. Flores asked if classes are full, are remote learners still invited to return. Mr. Dropik responded they are, and explained how fuller classes are set up in pods. He stated that parents are told in advance of the spacing situation and have the option of continuing to send their children in person or going remote. He has not received any concerns from parents.
- Safety grant – Ms. McGhee Gleba asked for an explanation regarding the Safety Grant we received. Mr. Dropik explained the requirements the school met to receive and maintain the grant. He reported that the Safety Committee is reviewing the Safety Manual. Ms. Flores reported that she has asked Mr. Leibl to take the lead on the the Safety Committee and apologized for not sharing that information with Mr. Dropik earlier.
- Mr. Dropik requested everyone review the Eagle ACP link in the Transition Coordinators Report.
- Mr. Dropik was asked to explain what is meant by the Transition Coordinator meetings with a mentee. Mr. Dropik explained he mentors a young man who is facing challenges.
- Mr. Dropik was requested to include statistical information regarding the number of students seen by the Transition Coordinator and the Social Workers.
- Mr. Dropik reported he spends about 15 hours per month working on NIEA duties and spoke of some of the items he is working on for the organization.

Our Ways Directors Report – Dr. Mark Powless.

- Outside language programs are being reviewed as possible resources for ICS.

- Our Ways staff are locating more resources and making them available to teachers. It was asked if it is possible to find out whether teachers are using the on-line resources. He responded that Our Ways can confirm that the resources are being used.
- The Our Ways newsletter is receiving good feedback.

A discussion was held regarding the quality of videos that are included in reports. Ms. Marks stated that this is being discussed in Direct Reports.

Marketing & Communications Director reported:

- The yearbook is at the printer and will be mailed this week.
- The department is in production mode and will begin working on the new yearbook in March and the work on the photos has begun.

The group discussed the Tribal Voices draft brochure. Ms. Marks will research different pictures to include photos of students prior to the pandemic.

Master Grounds Committee – Ms. Amour reported the committee is requesting approval of the Master Grounds ad hoc Committee Statement of Purpose.

**Motion by Sommer Drake and second by Justin Thundercloud to approve the Master Grounds ad hoc Committee Statement of Purpose. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

Community Relations Committee – Jason Dropik reported that a test of the Opt-in Text Message program was completed. He said 249 people (parents and staff) received the texts from the new program. He stated that not many parents have opted in to use the program. A communication will be sent to those parents whose information we have not received. In the future, the text message information will be included on the enrollment application so it becomes a part of the “beginning of the year” process.

Mr. Dropik requested clarity regarding his assignment to provide recommendations and plans for spaces in the school used for community/culture events during the pandemic. Ms. Flores referenced the re-opening plan approved by the Board in August 2019, it says we will follow CDC guidelines but it appears we have varied from that statement. She said she is seeking a recommendation for different areas (if any) in the school that could be used for cultural and community events. She expects that plan would include the location, how many people could be in the area while safely distancing, and the purpose the area could be used for. She recommended that Mr. Dropik and the Direct Reports review the existing plan for adjustments and prepare a proposal to share with the Board regarding activities, tours, etc.

Vision Statement – Ms. Marks noted that the current Vision Statement uses the abbreviation of “ICS”. She is recommending that it be amended to read “Indian Community School”.

**Motion by Diane Amour and seconded by Sommer Drake to revise the Vision Statement to read Indian Community School rather than ICS. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

Ms. Flores adjourned the Open Session meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,




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Diane Amour, Secretary

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Date Approved