

ICS Board of Directors Open Session
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021

Present: Justin Thundercloud, Diane Amour, Carrie McGhee Gleba

Present via Zoom: Sommer Drake

Also Present & Reporting: Jason Dropik, Dr. Mark Powless, Siobhan Marks

Also present: Debbie Martindale

Present via Zoom: Dr. Melissa Deutsch, LaVetta Buckley-Hunter, Brian Leibl

Jason Dropik smudged the group.

Justin Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

Justin Thundercloud recited the Mission Statement.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Sommer Drake to approve the February 17, 2021 Executive Session minutes. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Head of School Report – Jason Dropik reported that as of this upcoming Wednesday we will have 71 people who have received at least their first dose of the COVID vaccination. Please contact Mr. Dropik with any questions about his report.

Our Ways Director Report – Dr. Mark Powless reported:

- 14 students (male and female) have joined to be Eagle Singers and drummers. Dr. Powless explained how the program is structured and what the group will learn through this experience.
- He continues to work with the language teachers and is happy with the progress being made. He is speaking with outside consultants regarding language and teacher development.
- He distributed a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation and ICS and requested that comments be submitted to him by the end of day Monday, March 8.

Please contact Dr. Powless with any questions regarding his report.

Communications & Marketing Director Report – Siobhan Marks reported:

- She is reviewing communication software which may assist in increasing the communication open rate.
- Social media numbers are rising.
- Parents are requesting an app for newsletters. She and Mr. Dropik are reviewing the use of Power School for newsletters.
- The banners that Mrs. Christofferson requested for the gym will be delivered in the near future.
- Play practice is going well and all students who tried out received a role in the play.
- The ICS Exclusive News Team will be working with teachers on a project they call “Frugies”.

Please contact Ms. Marks with any questions on her report.

Academic Committee – Sommer Drake reported the Academic Committee is recommending that the Leadership and School Improvement Policy be sent to the Strategic Planning Committee for review. The committee reviewed the eligibility policy and made some minor changes. They are requesting approval of the revised policy.

Motion by Diane Amour and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba approve Policy 4011 - Eligibility as recommended with additional revisions. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Strategic Planning Committee – Justin Thundercloud reported that the committee is working on the climate survey, and sections will be shared with Direct Reports for review and input. The committee will begin to review the parent and student surveys at their next meeting.

Board Governance Committee – Diane Amour reported that the committee reviewed the revised 5th Amended and Restated Bylaws and is recommending they be approved as revised.

Motion by Justin Thundercloud and second by Diane Amour to accept the Fifth Amended and Restated Bylaws of Indian Community School as submitted by legal counsel and as recommended by the Board Governance Committee. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Community Relations Committee – Diane Amour reported the committee discussed the frequency that the ICS Newsletter is published. It is their recommendation to the Board that the ICS Newsletter be published on a bi-weekly basis.

Motion by Sommer Drake and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to accept the recommendation of the Community Relations Committee that the ICS Newsletter become a bi-weekly publication starting after spring break. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

Discussion was held regarding outside organizations requesting assistance from ICS to write their land and water acknowledgements. Concern was voiced about the parameters in which ICS would help organizations and could create some guidelines that may help think through the process.

Ms. Amour reported that the committee is recommending approval of the contract for Chris Eyre to complete the History Film.

Motion by Sommer Drake and seconded by Diane Amour to accept the recommendation of the Community Relations Committee to approve the amended Chris Eyre contract for completion of the 50th Anniversary Film and to authorize Brian Leibl to sign the contract on behalf of ICS.

Justin Thundercloud adjourned the Open Session at 6:10 p.m.

Note: Carmen Flores added her affirmative vote to all of the motions made during the session upon her arrival at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Amour, Secretary

3-17-2021
Date Approved

