

ICS Board of Director Open Board Session
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2023

Present: Diane Amour, Justin Thundercloud, Carrie McGhee Gleba, Carmen Flores, Sommer Drake
Also present: Jason Dropik, Phillip Spearo, Dr. Melissa Deutsch, Siobhan Marks, Brian Leibl, Debbie Martindale
Excused: Dr. Mark Powless
Also present: Rachel Jeske

Justin Thundercloud smudged the group.

Carmen Flores called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Debbie Martindale led the group in prayer and a moment of silence.

Jason Dropik recited the Mission Statement.

Rachel Jeske was welcomed to the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Jeske said her children go to The University School and the School is interested in creating a land and water acknowledgment statement and is inviting the community to assist them. Ms. Jeske shared the history and evolution from the Room Parents group to the development of the new Family Engagement Council (FEC). She explained that the Goals and Objectives of the FEC are:

- Allies of the school and families;
- Parent sounding board for the ICS Community;
- Support engaging in our kid's futures;
- Help families understand the format of groups/boards/councils/committees like this;
- Be a steppingstone for being involved in other groups like this in our community – many organizations have boards and committees.

She proposed the positions on the council would be determined by votes cast by ICS parents/guardians. The process will include a self-nominating system. The Board offered additional suggestions to the process aligning with indigenous practices. Ms. Jeske was invited to reach out and discuss further with Ms. Drake. The meeting will be held on February 7, 2023.

Ms. Flores thanked Ms. Jeske for the update on the Family Engagement Council.

Moved by Sommer Drake and second by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve the January 17, 2023, ICS Board of Directors Executive Session minutes. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

School Administrator's Report – Jason Dropik reported he attended the Governor's State of the State address. He said he was able to speak to the Governor who thanked the school for allowing the Earth Singer's performance at the inauguration event.

Our Ways Director's Report – Ms. Flores asked that any questions be directed to Dr. Powless.

Director of Instruction Report – Dr. Deutsch stated that she included her staff's quarterly report for the board to review. Please contact Dr. Deutsch with any questions. She noted that she would present the winter data assessment information to the Teaching & Learning Committee when it becomes available. Dr. Deutsch reported that she and some of her staff attended the movie, "The Truth About Reading" and reviewed the contents with the group. It was questioned if anything shown in the movie would be appropriate for use at ICS. Dr. Deutsch said there is and her staff has started to implement some of the things learned. She noted that the movie showed the Literacy Committee that there is much more that should be researched, and they are reviewing their current process.

Communications & Marketing Director Report – Siobhan Marks provided an update on the Bear Moon Pow Wow. She said she received many wonderful comments about the event and recommendations for improvement. She will share that information with Dr. Powless. She also noted that Dr. Powless was interviewed by TMJ4. It was noted that the new PBIS posters "Living in a Good Way" turned out great, they are fun and resonate with the students.

Chief Financial Officer Report – Brian Leibl noted that he agreed that the Bear Moon Pow Wow was very successful but noted that we faced some capacity issues that led to maxing out our air quality systems and suggested the need to reconsider another location for the future. He reported that many facilities staff worked on arrangements from noon until 11:00 p.m. on Friday, then on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m., and come again on Sunday to finish preparing the school for classes on Monday. Mr. Leibl said the Finance Department is gathering information for the scope of budgets for capital projects. He noted that the tax reporting has been completed and he is moving forward with the new accounting software. He reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting again soon to resolve some investment decisions.

Teaching & Learning Committee – There were no questions.

Language & Culture Committee – There were no questions.

Finance Committee – Mr. Leibl reported that an appraisal of the building will be scheduled.

Ad Hoc Policy Committee – Justin Thundercloud reported that Debbie Martindale is meeting with Steve LaVallee to continue to go through the policies to cross-reference them and to streamline the review process. They are doing a trial run with one section to share with the committee. The committee will provide an update on the process to the board.

Ms. Flores asked that any questions regarding Educator Effectiveness be directed to Mr. Dropik.

Carmen Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Amour, Board Secretary

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Date Approved

