

Independence Academy Charter School Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes: October 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

- Sherry Price called Regular Work Session to order at 5:02pm.

Present:

President: Sherry Price

Member: Abbie Siegmund

Member: Mike Holmes (Absent)

Member: Brad Thompson

Member: Hadassa Berger

Public comment

- None at this time

Staff and Student celebrations

- Mrs. Henry received a \$200 donation to her Art program from the Frame Depot.
- Mrs. Henry was excited to take her Middle School Art students to a Monet Exhibit in Denver, CO.
- Jam label contest winners have been chosen and will be announced soon.

Lego League Presentations

Group 1--Problem: Energy consumption at IACS; propose playground equipment that generates energy for IACS.

Group 2--Problem: Herbiculture; propose building a growth sphere to grow Herbs, then donate to the community.

Group 3--Problem: Space at IACS; The team would like the Board to consider using their blue prints when designing the new building.

Regular Business

- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved Regular Meeting Minutes from September.

Motion: Abbie Siegmund

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote:4-0

- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved Financials for September.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Abbie Siegmund

Vote: 4-0

- The Board of Directors reviewed and would like to table the discussion of intent to reimburse itself.
- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the October quarterly budget.
Motion: Hadassa Berger
Second: Abbie Siegmund
Vote: 4-0
- The Board of Directors moved the discussion of a holiday bonus to Executive Session.

Executive Director's Report

- The Annual Audit has not yet been finalized but has been submitted for Zions compliance.
- IACS School Nurse will be sending out letters for immunization compliance on Nov 28.
- Middle School parents can now complete a 'Sports Pass' permission slip allowing their student to attend home sporting games without a parent present.
- Mrs. Gonsalves has been working with D. Davidson to create a report on future building needs. They are estimating needing approximately 18,000 square feet. Building a second story might be cheaper and we may be able to go bigger with an estimated cost between \$6.1 million to \$6.9 million.
 - The Board of Directors will have an Executive Session to discuss strategic planning. There they will gather multiple expansion ideas and plans.
 - An Inspection report estimated \$3,000 in minor fixes. We will no longer need to carry that extra funds for costly repairs. The modular building has costly repairs needed.
- The Blythe Group estimates it will cost \$2,500 to get the barn inspected and up to code for the Holiday Store.
- Teacher reviews are in full swing with a new rubric.
- Gifted and Talented testing will begin soon.
- CogAt testing will begin with 2nd grades next week.
- Javier de los Santos had eight students perform at the Avalon Theatre during intermission of a Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra concert.
- Mrs. Gonsalves will be hosting a 'Pastries with the Principal' on November 19th. This is a time for parents to meet and speak with Mrs. Gonsalves.
- Awards assembly will be held October 24th to honor students attendance and academic achievement.
- The 8th grade students were rewarded with Chick-fil-A for not having any office referrals for 30 days.
- Mrs. Henry was awarded our first Golden Apple Award for her hard work and dedication to the school.

- Pre-K and Kindergarten have gone to Studts Pumpkin Patch and 1st grade will be going next week.
- We have received good feedback and attendance for Parent/Teacher conferences.
- The Boy's basketball team will be hosting games at IACS on November 7th, and 11th.
- Our Holiday Party will be held at the Rockslide on December 20th at 6pm.

Report from Family Council

- Parents Night Out had roughly 30 people in attendance. Javier de los Santos would like to use the proceeds from the event to take the guitar students on a field trip to play with a Master Musician.
- Angelo's Painting will be here November 7th for an ornament decorating event; ornaments will be returned to IACS before Thanksgiving.
- Students designed the new Jam Labels and Family Council is holding a competition for selling jars of jam. The order forms will be available soon with proceeds of the sales going towards improving the outdoor basketball court.
- Family Council ordered new jerseys for the basketball team.

Board Meeting moved into Executive Session at 6:15pm.

Adjourned 6:55pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting November 18, 2019 at 5pm in the Commons