

Independence Academy Charter School Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes: March 30, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

- Sherry Price called a Regular Work Session to order at 5:05pm.

Present:

President: Sherry Price

Member: Abbie Siegmund

Member: Brad Thompson

Member: Hadassa Berger

Public comment

- None at this time

Staff and Student celebrations

- Mrs. Henry Received a grant for her and three students to purchase a piece of artwork for the school.

Regular Business

- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved Regular Meeting Minutes from February, 2020.

Motion: Hadassa Berger

Second: Abbie Siegmund

Vote:4-0

- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved Financials for February, 2020.

Motion: Abbie Siegmund

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0

- The Board of Directors passed a motion to refund any preschool fees that were prepaid for the month of April and May, 2020 to parents via MyPaymentsPlus or sending them a check.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Abbie Siegmund

Vote: 4-0

- Discussion around the school closure due to COVID 19:
 - We anticipate that school will not return to regular classes due to social distances.
 - Discussion about the State of Colorado waiving required face to face contact hours for the remainder for the school year.
 - IACS will continue distance learning until further notice from the state of Colorado.

- The board requests that teachers reiterate what their office hours are and their purpose is.
- Discussion and clarification around the State of Colorado pausing standardized testing. All standardized tests will reconvene in the 20/21 school year.
- Discussion around continuing to pay all employees during school closures.
- **Building Project Updates**
 - Staff Viewed two different plans and discussed pros and cons of positioning for the art and music rooms.
 - Teachers had discussions about intervention rooms, a copy room and other logistical aspects.
 - Being able to extend closing to June for the Moral Op program seems to be plausible based on the current economy.
 - Moving forward with a more detailed design, furniture options, and other prebuilding preparations.

Report from Family Council

- None at this time

Executive Director's Report

- Discussed questions around next year's proposed budget. The board inquired about next year's PPR. Lisa said she will begin preparing multiple versions of next year's budget in April.
- Discussion about curriculum changes:
 - Multiple online meetings per week.
 - Trying to get everyone on the same wavelength.
 - Elementary has a rigor of 3 hours for math and Literacy per week.
 - Middle School is 3 hours per class per week. We are tweaking the expectation as we get feedback from students and families.
 - Teachers will start working towards Project Based Learning via distance learning.

The Board Meeting moved into the Executive Session at 6:00 pm.

Adjourned 8:22 pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting April 27, 2020 at 5pm via zoom meeting