



Independence Academy
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**Minutes for
Board of Directors
Monday November 2, 2020
5:00 P.M**

Meeting Call to Order: 5:06 pm

Role Call :

Present

Sherry Price
Hadassa Berger
Abbie Siegmund
Brad Thompsom
Brandy Bogges

Absent

None

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

- A. Mr. Gagnon's class won the Assets Meter Challenge, earning their class \$100.00 to spend on a classroom project, supply or resource.**
- B. Natalie Lineback gave a shout out to the entire IACS staff for pulling together throughout this year and making IACS a great place to work.**

- II. Public Comment:** Time-limited TBA – individuals may make public comment, limited to items on the agenda, and two (2) minutes. The Governing Board asks that each member complete a public comment card, available in the front office, prior to commencement of the meeting. Public comment cards should be given to the Executive Director who will then deliver them to the Governing Board President.

III. Approval of the September 28th Board Minutes.

Motion: Hadassa

Second: Abbie

Vote: 5-0

- IV. Approval of the September Financials.**
Motion: Brad
Second: Brandy
Vote: 5-0
- V. Review and possible approval of special board meeting minutes.**
Motion: Abbie
Second: Brad
Vote: 5-0
- VI. Review and possible approval of the August 31st Independence Building Corporation minutes. (Moved to an Independence Corporation Meeting)**
- VII. Approval of special project expenses for Middle School.**
Motion: Brad
Second: Hadassa
Vote: 5-0
- VIII. Approval of COVID Closure Protocol**
Motion: Hadassa
Second: Brad
Vote: 5-0
- IX. Approval of the Independence Academy Activity Fee Scholarship Application- IACS will earmark monies in the amount of \$2,000.00 to fund these scholarships.**
Motion: Abbie
Second: Brad
Vote: 5-0
- X. Discussion around reimbursement for Pre-K families during a quarantine situation.- The board discussed refunding any fees that were prepaid from the last three week closure.**
Motion:Hadassa
Second: Abbie
Vote: 5-0
- XI. Executive Director's Report.**
A. Operations, Mrs. Gonsalves -
 1. October's final count was 424, up 24 from last year which equated to an additional \$183,887.00 into our year's budget.
 2. An update on COVID: a positive case led to 10 others being quarantined as well as the entire Pre-K. In addition we had 3 positive COVID cases that led to

second, third, and fourth grade being quarantine. This led to 150 students and 18 staff members out which led to our facilities needing to be completely shut down.

B. Instruction/Assessment-

1. Because we decided to do self guided learning for the littles, every teacher had already planned out four weeks which made preparing the months worth of curriculum easier to prepare in a short period of time.
2. It was a fairly easy transition for our middle school team because they have integrated Google classroom into their daily schedule.

C. Community Outreach, Mrs. Gonsalves

1. Shout out to Mr. Bennett for going to Okagawa Farm and picked up delivering 350 pumpkins for our kiddos.
2. We have the possibility of reopening the Pre-K program because we may be able to contract with a small business who is willing to come in and clean the pre-K room as well as the bathrooms. Because Pre-K is independently operated through a different license and falls under the childcare which is essential services, we could possibly reopen this small part of the school to help support our families.

D. Facilities Report

1. Chains need to be purchased for the Skid Steer in order to prepare for winter.
2. Diagnostics will be completed of the Dodge to decide whether or not it's worth repairing.
3. Tom will evaluate our current situation with the vehicles IACS owns and determine whether or not they should be repaired or scrapped for metal.
4. Tom will schedule with Mr. Lineback to have him come out and take a look at the Dodge truck and give some feedback on what should be done to repair it.

E. Culture, Mrs. Gonsalves

F. Events Calendar, Mrs. Gonsalves

1. Ornament ordering started on Tuesday the 27th is still happening with some changes due to the school closure. The school will receive 20% of the sales.

XII. Discussion and updates on the Building Project

- A. Everything is going well. Everything is progressing forward.

XIII. Family Council updates

- A. Family council will attempt to organize a virtual christmas store.

XIV. Executive Session CRS Section 24-6-402

C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f)- Personnel

C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) The members of a local public body subject to this part 4, upon the announcement by the local public body to the public of the topic for discussion in the executive session, including specific citation to the provision of this subsection (4) authorizing the body to meet in an executive session and identification of the particular matter to be discussed in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum present, after such announcement, may hold an executive session only at a regular or special meeting and for the sole purpose of considering any of the following matters; except that no adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action, except the review, approval, and amendment of the minutes of an executive session recorded pursuant to subparagraph (II) of paragraph (d.5) of subsection (2) of this section, shall occur at any executive session that is not open to the public.

Adjourned: 6:34 pm

Next Regular Meeting:

- **Date:** Monday November 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- **Location:** IACS Commons, 675 29 road, Grand Junction, CO. 81504