

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

CALL TO ORDER

- Sherry Price called Regular Work Session to order at 5:12pm.

Present:

President: Sherry Price

Member: Abbie Siegmund

Member: Brad Thompson

Member: Hadassa Berger

Public comment

- None at this time

Staff and Student celebrations

- Dianna Akin and Kaitlin Burris presented about the conference they recently attended in New York from Lucy Calkins and all her takeaways to teach writing and literacy.
- David Hamaker presented his experience at the CMEA conference in Denver. He shared all of the courses he took and how much the opportunity has positively impacted his knowledge of growing the music program at IACS.
- Bea Conway shared her experience attending the Know Atom conference in Boston. The experience extended her understanding of the curriculum and helped her to understand how to guide her learners into deeper learning and understanding.
- Amanda Chhem and Ally Tapp shared their experience at their recent conference at Stanford University with Jo Boalar. They explained how conceptual understanding of math is so imperative and that discussion is a necessary part of learning math and having a mathematical mindset.
- Ali Wilson shared her experience attending the STEAM conference in California and how it has shaped her curriculum moving forward.
- Lacey Weber shared her experience attending the STEAM conference in California through a powerpoint presentation, highlighting the new and innovative classroom tools on the market.
- Marshall Brown (a current student) made a proposal to the board to invest in a recycling program at our school. He provided quotes from Commercial Refuse Service. The board gave the “go for it.”
- Belinda Breeds shared her experience at the Dinosaur Museum with her students and the amazing compliments she received about the students ability to converse and interact with such maturity.

Regular Business

- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved Regular Meeting Minutes from November, 2019

Motion: Hadassa Berger

Second: Abbie Seigmund

Vote:4-0

- The Board of Directors reviewed and approved Financials for November and December, 2019.

Motion: Abbie Siegmund

Second: Brad Thompson

Vote: 4-0

- The Board of Directors reviewed and accepted Mike Holmes retirement/resignation.

Motion: Hadassa Berger

Second: Abbie Seigmund

Vote: 4-0

- The Board of Directors discussed how they would like to move forward filling the board vacancy.

- Include information about the dynamic of the board and the time commitment as well as how to apply and what to expect once they apply.
- The process would include a written application.
- The applications will be reviewed and candidates will be invited to come to the next board meeting to meet the board members in person and express their reasoning for joining the IACS board.

Report from Family Council

- 550-650 participants at “Mornings with Mom”

Executive Director’s Report

- Discussed keeping Isa (counselor) on through her internship February 2021
- Discussed the Lock Down practice with law enforcement. IACS received a 2 on the rubric, which is a very good score.
- Administration will begin working on the 20/21 budget within the next month.
- Pinnacle rated our safety inspection very well and encouraged IACS to apply for safety certification.
- Talked about upcoming CMAS Information meetings for parents in March
- Quarter Two awards went well. Still had a ton of perfect attendance and honor roll students.

The Board Meeting moved into the Executive Session at 6:12 pm.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting February 24th at 5pm in the Commons.