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Board Meeting Minutes
Monday March 28, 2022
5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Meeting Call to Order: 5:14 pm

Role Call-

Present

- **Sherry Price**
- **Brad Thompson**
- **Hadassa Berger**
- **Jeremiah Fenske**

Absent

- **Brandy Savoni**

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

A. Students and staff just returned from the first international trip for IACS from Iceland. It was very organized and easier than initially anticipated.

- II. Public Comment:** Time-limited TBA – individuals may make public comments, 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 March 7, 2022 Board Minutes.

Motion: Brad Thompson

Second: Jeremiah Fenske

Vote: 4-0 Vote Passes

IV. Approval of the February Financials.

A. Lisa commented on the line items of purchase services and technology. She states that those line items are less than compared to the previous years which indicates that finances are being more strategically spent.

- B. Jeremiah inquired about additional progress that has been made on ESSER III reimbursements. Lisa informed them that she met with Andrea Heitz , the president of the D51 board president, and Andrea encouraged her to try to work with some of the other Charter Schools in the Valley and present the case to the D51 Board.
- C. The board would like to establish next steps in securing the ESSER III funds. The board would like to confirm with the lawyers how much progress is being made. The board states that they would be interested in attending a D51 Board meeting to engage the board in a deeper understanding of the misuse of the \$200,000.00 from ESSER III.

Motion: Jeremiah Fenske

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 Vote Passes

V. Approval of funding a lunch plan for the 2022/2023 academic year.

- A. The board discussed rising costs of food and an increase in cost of living that potentially offering free lunch to all students would relieve some stress for families.

Motion:Jermiah Fenske

Second: Brad Thompson

Vote: 4-0 Vote Passes

VI. Review and possible approval of parking lot construction plans for the summer of 2022.

- A. This item was postponed until the following meeting due to not having the construction plans delivered yet.

VII. Continued discussion and review of the Executive Director Contract

- A. This item was postponed until the following meeting.

VIII. The Colorado Department of Health Environment inquired about IACS hosting a vaccination bus.

- A. After discussion the board decided that hosting a vaccination bus would invite controversy to the school environment and the administration that is unnecessary, thus they declined the invitation.

IX. Executive Director's Report.

A. Operations

1. Lisa Gonsalves met with Andrea Heitz before Spring Break and gave her a tour of IACS.
2. Lisa has a meeting with Doug Sharecroft on April 25th to discuss ESSER III funds.

B. Instruction/Assessment

1. The robotics games start next week- This is a community sponsored event by Alpine Bank.
2. The school is gearing up for CMAS April 11-28th. We hope to stay over the 95% participation rate for testing. So far IACS has had one opt out form submitted.

C. Events Calendar

1. Celebration of learning April 6-7 4:30-6:30
2. Robot Games April 28th
3. Volunteer week April 17-23-IACS will be planning something to honor our volunteers
4. 8th grade continuation May 20th at 10:00 am.
5. Art and Music Festival May 12th

X. Family Council Updates

- A. None at this time

XI. Executive Session CRS Section 24-6-402 (4)(f)

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:5:59 pm