

Indian Community School Board of Directors
Open Session
March 2, 2016

Present: Carmen Flores, Jone Stromberg, Justin Thundercloud, Sommer Drake (via phone) until arrival, Diane Amour

Also present: Tom Oechler, Bonnie Thielecke, Jason Dropik, Amy Tromp and Debbie Martindale

Guest: Marla Mahkimetas, Audra, Waase and Martin Williams, Mark Denning

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

Debbie Martindale led the group in Prayer.

Jone Stromberg read the Mission Statement.

Marla Mahkimetas joined us for public comment.

Ms. Mahkimetas explained to the Board that she volunteers with an organization which has invited her to a conference in Italy. The Board requested Ms. Mahkimetas to work with Ms. Tromp and Ms. Thielecke regarding her request because it would involve her and select ICS students to be given approval to miss school.

Diane Amour arrived at 5:30 pm.

A break was taken at 5:30 pm.

Sommer Drake arrived at 5:35 pm.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 5:35 p.m.

It was moved by Jone Stromberg and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to approve the February 17, 2016 Executive Session minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

Facilities Report – Tom Oechler reported that the Facilities Supervisor has accepted a position with another organization; interviews for the new Audit firm will begin on March 9, 2016; departments are submitting their 2016-2017 budget requests; he and Natalia Woehl are working on a Food Vendor RFP for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Financial Report – Mr. Oechler reviewed the financials with the Board.

The meeting returned to Public Comment for Audra Williams and family and Mark Denning.

Ms. Williams thanked the Board for the time to address the Board. She relayed to the Board the appreciation felt by the Three Fires Midewin Lodge for joining them in ceremonies the weekend of February 18-21, 2016. They wished to convey to the Board the Grand Chief's pleasure that the School will be involved in the building of a Teaching Lodge and requested that the Lodge be open to all people. Audra, Waase, and Martin Williams along with Mark Denning spoke during Public Comment. They expressed that they hope that ICS would be willing to bring Eddie Benton Benaise to ICS to speak about the 7 Core Values. Six of the Core Values come directly from the teachings in the *Mishomis Book*, written by Benton. They also asked ICS to bring in Grandmother Josephine Mandamin to give teachings on the water.

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Diane Amour explained that the funding for the teaching lodge was received from the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation. ICS was asked and agreed to be the permanent home of the Lodge. The Lodge is being planned by the Milwaukee Indian Education Committee.

The Board and staff both stated how they hope to get the Grand Chief and Grandmother Josephine to the School to provide teachings before the school year has ended.

The Williams family and Mr. Denning departed at 6:05 p.m.

A break was taken at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Tromp distributed the Principal's Report for review. Carmen Flores asked that the Board review the material and bring any questions they have to the March 16, 2016 Executive Session.

Ms. Tromp reported that the Teachers Evaluation Committee has met and provided a brief update on their progress.

Academic Committee – Justin Thundercloud reported that the Committee reviewed the full budget with Ms. Tromp and Mr. Dropik; it is the recommendation of the Committee that the Board approve the inclusion of the Science Curriculum, Project Lead the Way, in the 2016-2017 budget when it is reviewed. He also stated that Mr. Tim Hayes will be discussing the physical space needed for Project Lead the Way with the Building & Grounds Committee.

Electa Quinney Committee – Mr. Thundercloud reported that the Committee met and that the minutes will be forthcoming.

Ms. Tromp distributed a draft of the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar for review. This item will be placed on the March 16, 2016 Executive Session agenda.

It was requested that the Teaching Lodge be placed on the March 16, 2016 agenda.

The meeting convened to Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:10 pm.

Tom Oechler informed the Board that he is engaging a consultant regarding review of insurance benefits. The cost is already in the budget.

Diane Amour was asked to check with Debbie Martindale concerning WIEA registration and room arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Amour

Diane Amour, Secretary

3/16/16
Date Approved
