

ICS Board of Directors Open Session
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2018

Present: Sommer Drake, Diane Amour, Carrie McGhee Gleba, Justin Thundercloud

Also present: Tom Oechler, Dr. Anthony Brazouski, Dr. Mark Powless, Siobhan Marks, Bonnie Thielecke, Jason Dropik, Debbie Martindale

Guest: Molly Wolk, Reynaldo Morales

Excused: Carmen Flores

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Bonnie Thielecke led the group in prayer and a moment of silence.

Diane Amour read the Mission Statement.

Sommer Drake chaired the meeting in the absence of Carmen Flores. The Board welcomed Reynaldo Morales and Molly Wolk to the meeting. Ms. Wolk stated she was attending the meeting as an observer.

The meeting convened to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 6:24 p.m.

Jason Dropik, Tom Oechler, Dr. Anthony Brazouski, Dr. Mark Powless, Bonnie Thielecke and Ms. Wolk rejoined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

It was moved by Jason Thundercloud and seconded by Carrie McGhee Gleba to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 Executive Session. The motion carried. (4-0-0)

It was moved by Carrie McGhee Gleba and seconded by Justin Thundercloud to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2018 Budget Retreat. The motion carried. (4-0-0)

Chief Financial Officer Report – Mr. Oechler reported the railing on the platform for the boardwalk has been installed. The STEM Lab is complete except for some minor finishing touches. Mr. Oechler reviewed the financials with the group.

Chief Academic Officer Report – Dr. Brazouski reported that the framework for the math curriculum has been confirmed and training scheduled. He stated that he and Dr. Powless are working on the Connections to Mother Earth project. In a meeting with Kathy Champeau, she expressed significant concerns with the current Rtl structure, including instructional support structure, and Title I services. Mr. Dropik and Dr Brazowski, along with Ms. Champeau, will be working to address these issues.

Head of School Report – Mr. Dropik reported 4th and 5th Grade FAST has begun. Ms. Drake requested a list of the types of offenses that warrant an in or out-of-school suspension. Mr. Dropik will communicate this information to the Board. Ms. McGhee Gleba requested that future reports include a breakdown of tribes represented at the school.

Culture Coordinator Report – Dr. Powless informed the group of a phone call received from a concerned citizen regarding land that is being developed. The caller was concerned that the land could have some historical significance that could be destroyed. Dr. Powless was given some contacts who may be able to better serve the concern to refer the caller to. He reported that he is discussing the development of a mental health team and has invited Lea Denny to join them. He stated that the Our Ways team reviewed and revised some of the cultural competencies and the updates will be sent to the Culture Committee for review. He also provided an update on the Museum Exhibit project. The launch date of the canoe is May 11, however the launch site is still being determined. There will be a meeting with the Language and Culture teachers and Dr. Noodin on April 6 to discuss common curriculum. He reported he is working with FRC to include culture in their programs. He referred the group to the list of Teacher/Speakers created by the Language and Culture teachers. He asked that the group review the list and contact him with additional suggestions.

Curriculum report – Diane Amour referred the group to the report submitted by Carol Amour.

Communications and Marketing Director Report – Siobhan Marks shared her task list with the group. She reported that Forest County Potawatomi tribal council members are coming to visit the school on April 25th 2018. She will be working on the program and communications. The launch of the new ICS Website, web address and email addresses will be on April 19th. Communication for this launch will be brought to the April 17th Board meeting for review. Ms. Marks discussed her vision of the revised newsletters and stated that eventually she will be moving the newsletters to an electronic format using Constant Contact.

Discussion was held regarding JP Leary coming to the school in April and Theodore Fontaine's possible visit in May. Mr. Dropik stated that Amy Zembowski is now heading the Big Read project and he will follow up with her.

A break was taken at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:34 p.m.

Community Relations – Diane Amour shared the acknowledgement that was created and being sent to the family of Herb Powless. She also shared the article written about the indigenous women's visit. Ms. Amour then reviewed the items discussed at the meeting.

Ignace Memorandum of Understanding – Mr. Dropik reported that part of the Strategic Plan is to build a partnership with community members. He discussed the formalization of a partnership with Ignace and reviewed the MOU that was created. There is a common expectation between both organizations and a step in enhancing the relationship between the two organizations. Dr. Brazouski will help with edits and bring it back to the April 18, 2018 meeting for approval.

Molly Wolk departed the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Amour, Secretary

4-18-2018
Date Approved

