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IVALB Board Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 12, 2021
7pm, IVA High School



1. Call to Order: 4:05p.m.

- Thank-you and welcome
- Roll call: Eric Churchill, Josh Ross, Steve Porter, Howie Fitzgerald, Janet Moore, Lachelle Carter
- ABSENT: Karyn Pace, Dan Hertzler
- Also in attendance: James McGrath, Jacquie Bryant

2. Reports

- General updates – HS (James).
 - I. Staff retreat - went to Fallbrook for a retreat recently. Good to hear final reflections from staff.
 - II. Enrollment - big update next month. Looking like the best recruitment class on record. Will know more when students actually show up.
 - III. WASC visit coming up. Very comprehensive. Smallest piece today, more later.
 1. Pandemic response. Last year, no instructional days were lost to the pandemic. Last year, some of the parent satisfaction response numbers dipped. Per Education Next, surveys across the country showed a clear drop in parent satisfaction, much more than what we experienced.
 2. Recall that we opted out of testing last year but did conduct NWEA testing. Results were that there was little learning loss at all compared to national averages. There was a loss based on our previous test results.
- General updates – MS (Jacquie)
 - I. Charter renewal extension
 1. Renewed charters whose renewals went through during the upcoming year to two years out. IVA's charter fell into this category, so we have an automatic renewal to 2024.
 2. Strategic Plan Update
 - a. Time to work on a new plan. Current one expires at the end of the upcoming year.
 - b. Working on a new platform to replace Illuminate.
 - c. Continuing parent engagement over the summer.
 - d. Professional development is happening.

3. Understanding our Mission and Recognition

- Not on the agenda

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4. Public Hearing

- Nothing submitted

5 Public Comments on Current Agenda Items

- Nothing submitted

6 Consent Agenda Items

- June Meeting Minutes
- Check and CC registers for both schools
- Charter Benefits Renewal

<i>Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda</i>
Second: Lachelle Carter
Discussion:
All in favor: Eric Churchill, Josh Ross, Steve Porter, Howie Fitzgerald, Janet Moore, Lachelle Carter All opposed: None Abstentions: None
Item#

7. Business Items

Fund Development

NA

Finance

HS

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Academic Oversight

<i>Motion: Move to approve the independent study policy for the middle and high school.</i>
Second: Howie Fitzgerald
Discussion: No practical consequences for independent study. HS will go with a hybrid model first, which is in line with small charter schools around the country. IVA uses CSDC policy, which is high quality.
All in favor: Eric Churchill, Josh Ross, Steve Porter, Howie Fitzgerald, Janet Moore, Lachelle Carter All opposed: None Abstentions: None
Item#.

Elective Class Placements

<i>Motion: Information Item</i>
Second:
Discussion. We have a system for electives to make sure that the teachers have qualifications to teach them. This is an internal policy. It was reviewed by two independent groups. The approval form looks at six elements, including undergraduate study, curriculum expertise, and experience with content.
All in favor: Eric Churchill, Josh Ross, Steve Porter, Howie Fitzgerald, Janet Moore, Lachelle Carter All opposed: None Abstentions: None
Item#

HS: Independent Study Policy

<i>Motion: Move to approve the independent study policy for the high school.</i> NO VOTE REQUIRED!
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Second:
Discussion:
All in favor: All opposed: Abstentions:
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Disciplinary

NA

Policy

NA

Board governance

Facilities

HS: Backyard Space Lease

<i>Motion: Move to approve the lease for backyard space. NO VOTE REQUIRED</i>
Second:
Discussion: Need to approve lease. Need to determine if the lease is acceptable so that we can speak with the landlord and let them know that a formal vote is coming. Board cannot make such a guarantee. They will want some sort of assurance that we will continue to be agreeable to certain material terms such as amounts. Lease is for the background. We were able to reduce the amount from \$3,400 to \$3,100/month. James recommends that this rate is good. The prior tenants were paying \$6,000/month for this space which is closer to market rate. This item will be in a BIM at the next board meeting.
All in favor:

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All opposed: None
Abstentions: None
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Leadership Oversight

MS Benefits

<i>Motion: Move to approve the Middle School Charter Benefits</i>
Second: Josh Ross
Discussion: MS Selected the comparison plan for benefits. The impact was minimal for the bottom line. They made the plan smaller so that we could have a reduced rate.
Main difference is that we are no longer covering the cost difference for a PPO. The school will save roughly \$6,000/year.
All in favor: Eric Churchill, Josh Ross, Steve Porter, Howie Fitzgerald, Janet Moore, Lachelle Carter
All opposed:
Abstentions:
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Marketing

NA

8. Comments on items considered in open session

9. New Items of Business for Future Approval

10. Announcements

11. Announcement of closed session items

12. Public comments on items in closed session

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13. Closed session

14. Return to open session (turn on recording) and report on any action taken

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021

15. Call to adjourn: 8 :22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Howie Fitzgerald

Approved: October 6, 2021 IVA Board of Directors Meeting