



IVA Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

7:00-9:00 p.m.

3601 Linden Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807, Classroom 214

MINUTES

Directors Present: Rebecca Irwin, Robin LaBarbera, Karyn Pace, James McGrath, Edward Castro, Steve Porter, Gregg Whelan, Janet Watt, Shelley Millsap, Jason Baehr, Eric Churchill

Staff Present: Jacquie Bryant, Danielle Montiel

Guests: Marisol Gold, Susan Redfield

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call or Order and Welcome – 7:05 by Eric Churchill. He announced that Karyn Pace will be taking a 4-month sabbatical, and that James McGrath is resigning from the board.
2. Report of Closed Session Items - *nothing to report.*
3. Public Hearing – *no previous requests.*
4. Consent Agenda.
Eric Churchill motioned to adopt the January 7 Consent Agenda
Second: Shelly Millsap
Unanimously approved
Item #150101, 150102, 150103ca
There was one small change made to the minutes (Janet's name moved to board members present rather than staff.)
5. Public Testimony on Agenda Items - *none previously submitted*
6. Understanding our Mission – (1) Eric Churchill read a letter from a prospective student going into 6th grade who attended information night. (2) Eric introduced guest Susan Redfield, a fundraising consultant.
7. Staff Report – Danielle Montiel shared that we got our first lottery revenue; Jacquie Bryant discussed Middle School Choice night (parent information night), Faculty Academy, Parent Academy (new language we are using). Applications are coming in. Parent volunteers have offered to teach after school clubs. We changed to semesters this year, nearing the end of the first semester; grades will be on Illuminate.
8. Committee Updates
 - a. Marketing: Rebecca Irwin shared social media update, upcoming press releases, marketing efforts.
 - b. Fund Development: Gregg Whelan discussed what the fund development committee is about. There was a discussion of available funds from JTF grant to be used for fund development. Jacquie asked to join the committee.

Eric Churchill moved to create a fund development committee to be chaired by Gregg Whelan, with members Susan Redfield and Janet Watt

Seconded: Shelly Millsap

Unanimously approved.

Item #150104

- c. Policy: Based on a recent opportunity to hear from concerned parents to discuss an issue surrounding grading, the curriculum committee met to hear the concerns. Eric Churchill reminded us to have a communications policy in place.

Eric Churchill motioned to convene the policy committee, to create a policy outlining how the board hears public concerns.

Seconded: Gregg Whelan

Unanimously approved.

Item #150105

- d. Finance: Jacquie discussed a recent meeting with EdTech's Chang Patel and Kristin Dietz, and she shared the financial information they provided.

- e. Facilities: *nothing to report*

- f. Personnel: *nothing to report*

- g. Nominating: Per our policy, we are required to nominate new members to the Disciplinary Committee and Panel every year. Eric Churchill moved to elect Steve Porter as chair of the Disciplinary Committee, with members Karyn Pace and Ian McCurry, through the end of fiscal year 2015.

Seconded: Jason Baehr

Unanimously approved

Item #150106

Steve Porter moved to appoint Eric Churchill, Shelly Millsap, and Edward Castro to serve on Discipline Panel through the end of fiscal year 2015.

Seconded: Janet Watt

Unanimously approved.

Item #150107

- h. Curriculum: James McGrath provided an update on conversations with parents surrounding the grading policy. Jacquie Bryant will be sending an email to parents with the Committee's response.

- i. Food: *nothing to report*

- j. Disciplinary Committee: *nothing to report*

CLOSED SESSION:

9. IVAH Update:

- a. Jason Baehr shared the thinking process related to a possible IVA High School. We have been invited to submit the full proposal by March 1. James McGrath will be the founder. James has resigned from the IVA board, and therefore there is no conflict of interest.

OPEN SESSION:

- b. James shared about the IVAH, specifically the elements that involve founding a high school, as well as a proposed timeline and board responsibilities.

Eric Churchill moved to proceed with the submission of the full JTF grant proposal for the creation of IVAH.

Seconded: Shelly Millsap

Unanimously approved.

Item #150108

- 10. Chairman's communication: *none*
- 11. Strategy and Assessment: *none*
- 12. Public comments on Agenda Items: *none*
- 13. New Items of Business for Future Approval: *none*
- 14. Call to Adjourn and Next Meeting – Eric Churchill adjourned the meeting at 9:02. The next meeting will be February 4, 2015 at the IVA office, 3601 Linden Ave., Long Beach.

Respectfully submitted:



Board Secretary

Approved: February 4, 2015