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**IVA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 2016**

8:00-9:00 p.m.

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

**Present:**

Board Members: Steve Porter, Eric Churchill, Rebecca Irwin, Edward Castro, Janet Watt, Karyn Pace

Staff: Jacquie Bryant, Carrie Noble

Guests: James McGrath, Jason Baehr, Judy Hunter (PTA Present)

1. **Call to order and welcome** – Eric Churchill called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.
2. **Report of closed session items** – none
3. **Public Hearing** – there were no previous requests for a public hearing
4. **Public testimony on agenda items** – none previously submitted
5. **Consent agenda** – Agenda items include December 9, 2015 minutes, BIM approval of grant – Croul Family Foundation, Board of Directors schedule of meetings.  
**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to approve the consent agenda inclusive of items 160101-03CA  
**Second:** Rebecca Irwin  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
**Item #160101-03CA**
6. **Understanding our Mission** – skipped.
7. **Staff report** – updates will be given as part of their presentation
8. **Business Items** –
  - a. **Marketing** – Rebecca Irwin sent an email to the Board updating us on marketing efforts. There was no further discussion.
  - b. **Curriculum** – MS: Jacquie Bryant discussed the school SARC report. She highlighted that the average teacher salary is lower at IVA because our teachers are generally newer to the profession, and gave a general overview of what the SARC contains.  
**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to accept the SARC report as presented.  
**Second:** Karyn Pace  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
**Item #: 160104**  
Jacquie Bryant discussed that the motion is approved with minor edits.  
  
HS: James McGrath discussed the County Appeal Plan. The plan is to submit the appeal Friday, January 15. There was a time of Q&A following.  
**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to authorize James McGrath, as lead petitioner, to appeal LBUSD's decision on the Academy's charter petition to LACOE and submit associated charter and budget.  
**Second:** Edward Castro  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
**Item #: 160105**
  - c. **Finance** – MS: Jacquie Bryant discussed the Middle School expansion plan. Her proposal is to reduce class size and have three classes per grade level. The next step is to discuss whether fund raising efforts can support the expansion, and what the ideal class size is. There was a time of Q&A following.
  - d. **Fund development** – none

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- e. **Policy** – none
  - f. **Board Governance** – Eric Churchill has been in contact with one potential candidate and Janet Watt has provided him with additional names that he will be meeting with. He is also talking with Jason Baehr about potential candidates. Eric has re-engaged Steven Goodwin about strategic planning.
  - g. **Facilities** - none
  - h. **Personnel** - none
  - i. **Disciplinary Committee** - none
9. **Chairman’s Communication** - none
10. **Public comments on items in open session** – none
11. **New items of business for future approval** – Rebecca Irwin asked about a minimum number for HS enrollment. James McGrath indicated that he will provide an answer at the next meeting.
12. **Call to adjourn and next meeting** February 3, 2016. Eric Churchill adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin LaBarbera".

Robin LaBarbera, Board Secretary

Approved: February 3, 2016