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**IVALB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
7pm Online via Zoom**



1. Call to Order: 7:03 p.m. (Recording Started)

- Thank-you and welcome
- Roll call: Josh Ross, Steve Porter, Karyn Pace, Howie Fitzgerald, Dan Hertzler, Jamie Whitaker Campbell
- ABSENT: Eric Churchill, Janet Moore
- Also in attendance: Jason Baehr, James McGrath, Jacquie Bryant, Cathy Simpson, Joanna Han, Alex Rosas, Jordan Sachs, Summer Sanders
- Meeting Minutes taken by: Karyn Pace
- Items on the agenda: Consent Agenda (December meeting minutes, check and credit card registers). Main Agenda: 2020-2021 Audit, SARC Reports, Conflict of Interest policy change, vote on Josh Ross appointment to the board

2. Reports

- General updates – HS (James and Summer)
 - I. Marketing – James showed us a great new door hanger to be distributed throughout Long Beach.
 - II. The students finished up finals this week. Staff is working on report cards that include in-depth comments from teachers.
 - III. The school has participated in lots of reflection about what’s happening currently in the world and applying it to the curriculum.
 - IV. Still missing lots of students, but there is progress towards connecting more with those students.
 - V. James updated us on guidelines for returning to in-person learning.
- General updates – MS (Jacquie)
 - I. We have a smaller wait list than previous years, but we’ve had no students leave this year.
 - II. Applications for 2021-2022 are due March 12. Our goal is to have 50% of our applications eligible for a third token (based on income). Currently, 36% qualify for a third token. Achieving 50% is a major goal; we’ve only hit the goal one year in our history.
 1. Can we track data on the three token families and their attendance and retention?
 2. After school outreach impacts our retention of third token families.
 - III. Marketing – We’re increasing our social media presence. Information Nights are occurring. Door hangers are being

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- used this year in our target neighborhoods. A big draw for our middle school is when 5th grade teachers plug our school.
- IV. Jacquie, Dama, and Steve with Jim Suarez, LBUSD Board Member. He had positive comments about the Annual Performance Audit and had good things to say about our upcoming renewal.
1. We discussed the current charter environment, and the need for good relationships with LBUSD.
- V. LBUSD provided 1,000 vaccines to employees this week. Far more employees need to be vaccinated. LBUSD has extended virtual learning until March 1.

3. Understanding our Mission and Recognition

- Check in with teachers: Jordon Sachs, Cathy Simpson, Alex Rosas from the MS.

4. Public Hearing – N/A

Public input is important for the success of the school. Therefore, we would like to provide a forum for guests to address the school board on topics of relevance to the school. Public hearing items should be brought to the board chairman and the instructions for doing so are posted on the website. Any items can also be brought to the board chair during the meeting. Any items brought to the board that are not on the agenda cannot be discussed by the full board due to the requirement for public notification through the Brown Act. However, items discussed during the open session can be put on future agenda at the board's request.

5. Public Comments on Current Agenda Items – N/A

Additionally, we would like to provide the public an opportunity to comment on agenda items, **which have been posted**.

If you wish to address the board ON AN AGENDA ITEM, and have not previously submitted a request, please verbally notify the chair at this time.

6. Consent Agenda Items

Note: Per Brown Act provisions, for teleconference calls, we need to do voice votes for all voting. So, we will ask each director how they vote on an item. When asked, please respond with yay (or Aye), nay, or abstain. After, the chair will tally the votes and announce the decision.

- December meeting minutes
- Check and Credit card registers

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After reviewing the items on the consent agenda ahead of the meeting, are there any items directors would like removed from the consent agenda for full board discussion? No

Any minor changes to be made to items remaining on the consent agenda? No

<i>Motion: Steve Porter moves to approve the consent agenda, inclusive of the December Minutes and the November and December check and credit card registers.</i>
<i>Second: Joss Ross</i>
<i>Discussion: none</i>
<i>All in favor: Steve Porter, Karyn Pace, Howie Fitzgerald, Dan Hertzler, Jamie Whitaker Campbell, Josh Ross</i>
<i>All opposed: none</i>
<i>Abstentions: none</i>
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7. Business Items

Fund Development

NA

Finance

MS: Joanna Han

- There were no findings in the MS audit.
- Financial Update: \$75K net income, a \$21K increase from the projected. Compensation made up the large portion of this increase – mostly from hourly employees that weren't needed due to virtual learning.
- Most of the liability is from the PPP loan.

HS: Joanna Han

- There were no findings in the HS audit.
- Financial Update: \$123K net income which is a \$10K decrease from the projected.
- PPP Timeline – we have until August to apply. If the loan isn't forgiven, the loan matures in April, 2022.

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Both Schools:

- Joanna updated us on the federal stimulus package.
- She also updated us on funding opportunities.
- The outlook in the State is good. There are two possible revenue opportunities coming from the state.
- The governor's January budget had lots of positive funding updates. They're designing ADA to be monitored for in-person with the assumption that schools will return to in-person.
- We don't qualify for a second round of PPP.

Academic Oversight - SARC Report

MS: School Accountability Report Card – all schools answer the same questions and it covers pretty basic information.

<i>Motion: Steve Porter moves to approve the 2019-2020 SARC Report Card for the Middle School.</i>
<i>Second: Dan Hertzler</i>
<i>Discussion: none</i>
<i>All in favor: Steve Porter, Karyn Pace, Howie Fitzgerald, Dan Hertzler, Jamie Whitaker Campbell, Josh Ross</i>
<i>All opposed: none</i>
<i>Abstentions: none</i>
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HS: On ELA Proficiency, The Academy students were at 50% and LBUSD was at 42% and our students started 9th grade at very low percentiles. We've had a 0% drop out rate compared to LBUSD at 29%. The Academy has 89% graduation rate; LBUSD 57%.

<i>Motion: Steve Porter moves to approve the 2019-2020 SARC Report Card for the High School.</i>
<i>Second: Howie Fitzgerald</i>
<i>Discussion: none</i>
<i>All in favor: Steve Porter, Karyn Pace, Howie Fitzgerald, Dan Hertzler, Jamie Whitaker Campbell, Josh Ross</i>
<i>All opposed: none</i>
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Disciplinary

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Policy

NA

Board governance

<i>Motion: Steve Porter moves to approve the renewal of Joshua Ross to the IVA Board of Directors for a two year term.</i>
<i>Second: Dan Hertzler</i>
<i>Discussion: none</i>
<i>All in favor: Steve Porter, Karyn Pace, Howie Fitzgerald, Dan Hertzler, Jamie Whitaker Campbell</i>
<i>All opposed: none</i>
<i>Abstentions: none</i>
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- A change to the Conflict of Interest policy

<i>Motion: Steve Porter moves to adopt the California Conflict of Interest policy as per stated in the Board Information Memo.</i>
<i>Second: Jamie Whitaker Campbell</i>
<i>Discussion: none</i>
<i>All in favor: Steve Porter, Karyn Pace, Howie Fitzgerald, Dan Hertzler, Jamie Whitaker Campbell, Joss Ross</i>
<i>All opposed: none</i>
<i>Abstentions: none</i>
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Facilities

NA

Leadership Oversight

NA

Marketing

Next meeting, there will be an update from the HS.

8. Comments on items considered in open session

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NA

9. Future Items of Business

- Jamie would like to talk about After School partnerships and the connection between Middle School and High School matriculation.
- Dan would like to continue discussing reopening and the impact on our families.

10. Announcements

NA

11. Announcement of closed session items

NA

12. Public comments on items in closed session

NA

13. Closed session

NA

14. Call to adjourn: 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Karyn Pace

Approved: March 03, 2021 Board Meeting