

## **IVA Board Meeting**

**July 1, 2015**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

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

### **MINUTES**

**Directors Present:** Rebecca Irwin, Jason Baehr, Steve Porter, Gregg Whelan, Eric Churchill, Jasmine Menard-Lenczewski, Edward Castro

**Staff Present:** Jacquie Bryant

**Guests:** Susan Redfield, James McGrath, Marisol Gold

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call or Order and Welcome – 7:01 by Eric Churchill.
2. Report of Closed Session Items - ...
3. Public Hearing – *no previous requests.*
4. Consent Agenda.  
June minutes - approved **Item 150731**
5. Public Testimony on Agenda Items - *none previously submitted*
6. Understanding our Mission – Jason Baehr reported on Philosophy Camp
7. Staff Report – Jacquie Bryant reported that the Pedagogy Seminar began today. New teachers were in attendance. Summer at IVA is still very busy because it requires district-level work and we are still in a build-out year.
8. Committee Updates
  - a. Marketing: Rebecca Irwin shared the new brochures
  - b. Fund Development: Susan distributed a two-year plan for review. She also discussed the opportunity to host a fundraising event. Gregg described the event’s purpose for friend raising and raising awareness of the school. We hope for feedback and ideas. We would like to incorporate the virtues into this event. The hope is to make it fun and interesting and make a “magical” first impression. A target date is October. Jason affirmed the idea that the virtues could be a central part of the theme because they are attractive and concrete and they are what we are about.
  - c. Policy: Eric and Jacquie will schedule a time to write a communication policy. *Staff will also formulate an answer to the new legislation for mandatory vaccination.*
  - d. Finance: Jacquie presented the May 2015 Financials as prepared by EdTech. The check register was approved by the board **Motion #150732.**
  - e. Facilities: Eric conveyed for Janet that they are moving forward with the lockers, benches and garden. She is working with Allen Pullman to consult and help price out the project. They are also working with Karen Taylor to get the garden benches. An irrigation system is still to be determined.

- f. Personnel: Jacquie reviewed the personnel for new teaching positions at IVA. Based on the idea that the elective was to be rooted in a comm. focus JPB will go back to the candidate for Philosophy and Ethics in Film to see if the curriculum can incorporate comm. elements i.e. making of a film. Jason offered his time to work with the candidate. Ed seconds. approved. **Motion #150733.** Sabine Deeble - PT at-will employee for language not to exceed \$xx/hour. Jasmine seconds. Approved. **Motion #150734.** Amos Mikaele – FT, at-will counselor not to exceed \$xx,xxx; approved; **Motion #150734.** Chris Fountain – FT, at-will history teacher not to exceed \$xx,xxx; approved; **Motion #150735.** Roberta Denis to be given a FT, at-will contract not to exceed \$xx,xxx (this is a conversion of a part-time contract); approved; **Motion #150736.**
  - g. Nominating: *nothing to report*
  - h. Curriculum: As noted in the Personnel notes, Jason will work with Jacquie and Mickey to look at incorporating communication elements i.e. film-making into the elective curriculum.
  - i. Disciplinary Committee: *nothing to report*
  - j. PTA update: *nothing to report*
9. IVAH Update: We received the award letter from JTF. James reported on a meeting he and Jacquie had with Chris Stienhauser.
- a. In acceptance of the grant, strike Jason Baehr's name from the budget and replace with consultant. Ed asked if there is a risk for JTF to request a reimbursement of funds for monies that have been paid out or obligated. The grant has been drafted but a request to clarify the return or reimbursement of funds is suggested. Eric made a motion to accept or approve the IVA HS grant pending confirmation that there should be no repayment obligation if for any reason there is termination or non-completion of the proposed project and striking Jason Baehr from the budget and stated personnel. In the event that the removal of Jason Baehr's name is a cause of an impasse the board approves to move forward without the removal of Jason Baehr subject to receipt of his resignation from the board. Jasmine seconds all approved. Jason recused himself from the vote.
- Closed session item - IVA HS Eric moved to enter into negotiations with James McGrath as the Founding Principle position for IVA HS. Greg seconds. All in favor. **Motion #150737**
- 10. Chairman's communication: Strategic Planning dates are April 14th and 20th.
  - 11. Strategy and Assessment: *none*
  - 12. Public comments on Agenda Items: *nothing was submitted*
  - 13. New Items of Business for Future Approval: *none*
  - 14. Call to Adjourn and Next Meeting – Eric Churchill adjourned the meeting at 10:57 pm. The next meeting will be in August, 2015 (tbd) at the IVA office, 3601 Linden Ave., Long Beach.

Respectfully submitted:  
Rebecca Irwin and Eric Churchill

Approved: September 21, 2015