



IVA Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 6th

7:00-9:00 p.m.

1637 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90813

Minutes

Board Members Present: Eric Churchill; Karyn Pace (Arrived at 7:15pm, left meeting at 8:30pm); Josh Ross (Arrived at 7:34pm); Dan Hertzler; Richard Williams (arrived at 7:08pm)

Missing: Steve Porter; Edward Castro; Janet Moore

Staff: Jacquie Bryant, James McGrath, Armine Movsisyan, Crystal Day, John Rodriquez (HS Teacher),

Guests: Jason Baehr, Marissa (Redhook), Sole Valentin (HS student) and family,

Community:

1. **Call to order and overview:** Eric Churchill called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. **Reports:**
 - Jacquie: M/S- Minimal reports from Jacquie. Application window ends next Friday. Goal of 50% of applicants qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunch. At this point 48% qualify based on Zip Code alone. Open house is coming up and more than half of the students are signed up to help with this open house.
 - James: H/S- Presented the HS's mid-year report. Presents an outlined plan for what items will be reported throughout the year to the board.
 - Explains to the board that only 4 of the 30 schools that came to LACOE for approval got a unanimous approval.
 - LACOE walked through the HS facility and had no findings.
 - Intellectual Virtues Institute – Over thirty applicants for thirty spots and it has only been publicized for about a week. Covered the different schools, organizations and people the Institute has been publicized to.
 - Staffing Changes- School Counselor, another counselor that will take on many roles within the office work, as well as a new art teacher to replace a teacher that resigned mid-year for personal reasons.
 - State Budget Update from James and Jacquie. LCFF, STRS, COLA and SPED revenue updates.
 - Preliminary MS Budget Comparison for next year with biggest changes coming in additional office staff as well as the installation of an elevator.
 - Preliminary HS Budget Comparison for next year with things staying about the same as previously expected.
 - Both HS and MS reviewed attendance and ADA information for the first 5 months.
3. **Understanding our mission and Recognition**
 - Sole Valentin (HS Student) – New student that started this year at the academy. She is a Junior. Sol explained how she had a really rough start due to how

different the environment was and her lack of friends at The Academy. She passed all of her classes first semester and that has not happened since 6th grade. She accounts this to the fact that at her previous school she had a lot of homework and classes were largely lecture. Here at The Academy the work is more project based and she is encouraged to think deeper instead of just on the surface.

- John Rodriguez (English Teacher, HS English Teacher) – Leads the board and guests through a thinking routine he calls, “Catch, Connect, Question.” This routine helped show how he uses routines like this to help students think deeper through questioning.

4. **Closed Session:** none

5. **Public comments on items considered in closed session:** not applicable

6. **Move into Closed Session:** not applicable

7. **Public Hearing:** nothing submitted ahead of meeting

- Hadeel Judeh from Greenheart Exchange presented to the board about two international students that are students at The Academy. Both students are doing extremely well. Hadeel is also reaching out to the board for future host families. Both James and Crystal spoke about how great the students are doing.

8. **Public Comments on Current Agenda Items:**

N/A Nothing Submitted

9. **Consent Agenda:** (1) Check and Credit Card Registers for both Schools

(January Meeting minutes were not uploaded and will be brought to the board next meeting)

- Eric made comment about the Amazon payments needing to be more extensively outlined and organized. Requested that this be squared away by next meeting.

Motion: Eric Churchill moved that board approve the consent agenda items.

Second: Richard Williams

Discussion: none

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: none

Abstentions: none

10. **Business items**

a. **Facilities:**

i. MS – Further discussion surrounding the need for an elevator at the MS level.

ii. HS – Presentation by Marissa from Red Hook Capital Partners regarding possibilities for HS facility.

- Overview of what Red Hook has to offer and what they do as a “Tax Exempt Bond Market” lender.

- Discussion surrounding the fact that the HS enrollment is smaller than many of the other HS's Red Hook works with.
- Presentation of outline of program.

b. Board Governance:

- Form 700's

c. Academic Oversight:

MS – None

HS – LACOE MOU

- **Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to authorize James McGrath and a board representative to execute the new 5-year LACOE MOU.
 - **Second:** Dan Hertzler
 - **Discussion:** none
 - **All in favor:** Unanimous
 - **All opposed:** none
 - **Abstentions:** none
- James reports out to the board regarding mid-year Student and Staff surveys.

d. Marketing:

None

e. Finance:

- Next financial update will be with the new budget.

f. Disciplinary:

Nothing to report.

g. Policy:

Nothing to report

h. Leadership Oversight:

MS Compensation committee update should not have been on the agenda.

i. Fund Development:

MS fund development: Jaquie and Janet met and want to share thoughts on a Step into Summer fundraising evening on June 2nd.

11. Comments on Items Considered in Open Session: none.

12. New Items of Business for Future Approval:

- Steve Porter drafted a “Lessons Learned” document surrounding the PE exemption waiver process that he will present to the board at the next meeting.

13. **Announcements:** Next meeting will be on January 16, 2019 at the Middle School.

14. **Call to adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

Respectfully submitted: Dan Hertzler, Board Member

Approved: May 8, 2019