

Integrated Day Charter School
Governing Board Minutes
August 17, 2011

Absent: Mary Osten

No Public Comment

Welcome to new members Ron Ward and Stephanie Jones.

Additions to agenda:

- A motion was made by Michael Seroussi and seconded by Paul Rak to add the assignment of committees and the appointment of a Contract Negotiations Committee to the agenda. It passed, 10-0.

- A motion was made by Brianne Temple and seconded by June Morrone to accept the June 15, 2011 minutes. It passed, 10-0.

Director's Report

The Bond Commission released funds after staff, parents and community members emailed, called and wrote to legislators. Our funding was the only item on the agenda.

New staff for 2011-2012 are: Jude Maragliano, 5/6 and Jessica Doro, 3/4. Two Sacred Heart interns will join us, with one more returning until January 1.

Jessica Doro, June Morrone, Brianne Temple, Corrine McOmbler and Deb Conn attended the HOTS Institute this summer. Ann Theriault attended the Development Design Institute.

Jason Deeble is now certified to teach 7/8 math.

Business Report

Finance Committee--met August 3. Budget adjustment recommendations are provided with the meeting minutes. Health insurances costs came in at a 7.5% increase; 14% was projected. Electricity was \$5,000 over the budgeted amount.

Planning, Curriculum and Governance Committees did not meet this month.

Chair's Report

Laura McMahan will send a letter to the Ramseys in response to the petition they presented previously to change the sibling policy. Laura has not been able to reach Tim Menard about cutting the trees.

Anne Littlefield will attend the September 14 Board meeting to give info on confidentiality and executive session.

Discussion & Action

The 2011/2012 Budget Adjustments would reinstate \$136,342 in the 2011-2012 budget. A motion was made by Ron Ward and seconded by Michael Seroussi to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation for budget adjustments. It passed, 10-0.

Finance meets on the 1st Wednesday of month; time to be determined.

Governance meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month 5 p.m.

Curriculum meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

● A motion was made by Brienne Temple and seconded by Jen Spangle to move the Governing Board meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month, with some exceptions. It passed 10-0.

See Committee Assignments on final page of minutes.

Contract Negotiations Committee – The mediation date is usually in January. The teachers' full contract is being reopened. Anna James, Carl Davis, Stephanie Jones, Laura McMahan and Paul Rak will serve on the committee, with Michael Seroussi is an alternate member.

Director and Board Goals for 2011/2012:

The director will focus on the need for more consistent embracing of and adhering to our mission and vision.

Keeping communication on-going with our legislators will be more and more critical. Our community needs to know there is power in doing this. John LeVangie suggested inviting three legislators to our first IDEA meeting.

Technology infrastructure and computer upgrades are also a goal.

Carl Davis asked about follow up to what is accomplished at the teachers' retreat, where goals for the year are developed by the faculty. Goals from the strategic plan should be shared at retreat.

- A summary is needed from Beth McCaffery to identify commonalities. Beth should be invited to help us consolidate the Board retreat and the teachers' retreat. A parent survey should be developed that aligns with information from the two retreats.
- There is a newly appointed non-profit liaison to the Governor that Michele Devine will be meeting with. We need to get the changes that are happening in

- non-profits and embrace them before the state requires us to adhere to these changes. The liaison should be invited to attend a Board meeting.
- The SDE's wording for state funded charter schools is changing to "state and privately funded charter schools.

The IDCS Foundation needs building; it is a separate legal entity. Members are needed that can reach out to our larger businesses.

It was suggested that the Planning Committee meet and work with Beth McCaffery to make a list of goals for the year, with review by the Governance Committee.

- A motion was made by Frank Maletz and seconded by June Morrone to go into Executive Session. It passed 10-0.

Executive Session

- A motion was made by Frank Maletz and seconded by Paul Rak to come out of Executive Session. It was approved 10-0.

- A motion was made by Michael Seroussi and seconded by Frank Maletz to change the wording in the Insurance and Benefits section of the Business Manager's employment agreement from "certified staff" to "certified administrators" as noted in discussion. It passed 10-0.

Next meeting: September 14, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

IDCS Committees

CURRICULUM

2nd Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

Stephanie Jones
Mary Osten
Michael Seroussi

PLANNING

Michelle Devine
Frank Maletz
Brienne Temple

GOVERNANCE

1ST Tuesday of the month, time TBD

Laura McMahon
Michael Seroussi
Jen Spangle

FINANCE

1st Wednesday of the month, time TBD

Martha Bixby
Carl Davis
Deb Griffith
Laura McMahon
June Morrone
Paul Rak
Ron Ward

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Stephanie Jones
Laura McMahon
Paul Rak
Michael Seroussi