

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 7:00 pm

Monday, August 11, 2014

Held at Inspire Classroom IC-6

901 Esplanade Chico, CA

The mission of the Inspire School of Arts and Sciences is to provide high levels of learning and support within a personalized environment that allows students to explore their interests and develop their talents.

Minutes – Regular Session

1. Call to Order 7:01pm.

In attendance Julie Shea, Sue Pate, Debbie Travers, Dan LaBar, Eric Nilsson, Jana Gosselin, Matt Brown, David Green, Shannon Iris, Dale Word

2. Consent Calendar

7:00-7:05

- a. Consider Approval of July 14, 2014 minutes. Debbie moves to approve Consent calendar, Sue seconds. Approved unanimously.
- b. Consider approval of donations.- none to report
- c. Consider approval of expenditures – none to report

3. Principal's report.

7:05-7:15

- a. School opening and enrollment update.
Official enrollment as of today is 449, projected 450 – 460 students for fall. Budget based on 410 enrolled students. New teacher orientation meeting tomorrow (8/12), will include 6 new full and part time teachers and 4 student teachers that will be on campus this year. Eric and Dan will lead discussion on school culture as well as nuts and bolts. Wed/Thurs is schedule pick-up, Thurs is new student orientation, Friday is staff meeting. Next Monday (8/18) is first day of school, first two days of each school year are unique at Inspire. Tuesday morning is an all school assembly at Children's Park. Main challenge with increased number of students is facility. Space is inadequate.
- b. Facilities update.
Completely replaced floor in dry lab, installed walls to include practice rooms in IC-23, landscaped campus to include big boulders, crushed granite paths and pads for tables, plants, irrigation, and 2 new 12' x 20' storage containers.
- c. Majors and the impact on schedule.
Last year, two sections of study hall were scheduled every period, every day. Kids were having a lot of class periods that weren't structured. Lots of student TAs. Schedule has been reduced this year to one period of study hall each period. Implementation of majors has resulted in students being in classes, even into their senior year because they want to complete their majors.
- d. Anonymous bully reporting line.
Students or parents can call or text in anonymously. Calls or texts that come into the line are pushed to administrators and counselors phones.

Sue asked about campus gates being locked. All gates will be locked after the beginning of school (by 8:15), opened at lunch and unlocked again after school. Gates will be locked for the night by the night custodian. The primary purpose is to reduce traffic through campus, especially at night.

4. Student report.

No student present.

7:15-7:20

5. Discussion/Action Items.

5.1a. Discussion/Action: Consider approval for energy assessment of single-wide and double-wide buildings from Green Construction (attachment).

7:20-7:40

Monies to pay for scope of work, audit and any purchased equipment will all come from Prop 39 money (not Inspire general fund monies). Program focus is on sustainability, efficiency and system(s) improvement. Usually save about 40-60% over current energy usage. Current proposal would evaluate HVACs, duct systems and lighting. Saving to investment ratio is a critical component to Prop 39 funding. Green will use VLAX to design system and project savings. After this phase is complete program would look at energy generation with solar.

Julie moves to approve consulting fee for energy efficiency audit, Dale seconds. Approved unanimously.

5.1b. Discussion/Action: Consider approval of security cameras for campus (attachment). 7:40-8:00

No current security on campus. Thousands of dollars have been spent on expensive items on campus. Vandals started a fire on the roof of CHS this summer, Eric's office has a huge rock thrown it, we have 6-8 bicycle thefts on campus/year. Really need a security system in place.

Cameras waterproof, electrostatically charged to repel dust, highest rated for vandalism, spray paint wipes clean, good cameras. 30 day recording capability. Night vision to 150 feet. Expandable to 16 cameras. Integrates with CUSD software. Remote cameras available. Stationary cameras would monitor ingress/egress points on campus.

Purchase not in campus budget at this time. Sue asks how old the company is, if they've done jobs in Chico. Dan reports company has done a lot of work in schools, a lot of work all over the state. The owner has been doing security jobs for 3 or 4 years, been in the computer business much longer.

Warranty unclear, Dan will follow up. Computer (DVR) would be in office, can be internet based, even CHS administration could have remote access. Security of DVR is a concern, if someone knows there are cameras in place it is important they can't find the DVR.

Julie worries about where money is coming from since we've spent so much out of surplus. Would like to see it in budget. Everything we do is for the kids and so is good but still needs to be in the plan. Sue asks about use of camera. Is someone going to check it every morning? Is it worth it just as an analytical tool to help solve problems after the fact? Would it bring the insurance down? Would it prevent violence against students? Lighting is also an important issue.

Julie Shea motions to table issue until ADA numbers become clear. Check on Measure E monies and see what it will do to insurance premium. Will it bring it down? Sue seconds to table it. Approved unanimously.

- 5.1c. Discussion: Update on CUSD recommended board replacement (attachment). 8:00-8:05

August 20th CUSD board will address this item in their meeting. Eric met with John Bohannon to discuss potential people. CUSD will discuss and possibly ask for suggestions. Can be from the CUSD district office or on the CUSD board. Legal counsel says it's a little dicey to have members on both boards. Jann recommends it's good to have someone from the CUSD board because they're closest to what's going on in the district.

- 5.1d. Discussion/Action: Consider approval of new terms (attachment). 8:05-8:20

Dale has said he would like to continue on the board.
Michael said he would like to continue on the board.
Nominees will be voted on at November meeting.

Discussion about participation requirements of board members. Proposed renewing members commit to 80% attendance at all board meetings.

- 5.1e. Discussion/Action: Consider approval of Ruckus upgrade to wireless access (attachment). 8:30 – 8:40

Not in budget. More tablets coming on board, more laptops coming on board, wireless access is pretty limited on campus. Old technologies don't communicate with each other, actually get in the way of each other. Ruckus can be installed at any time. Would ensure we could access wireless at any point on campus.

Attached proposal would include Inspire in ongoing CUSD upgrade plans. Would provide substantial cost savings over an independent approach to wireless access.

Dale suggests that one approach might be to use the line item for equipment upgrades one year to upgrade the wireless instead of new computers.

Dale will work with Jeffrey Wolff and Doris regarding computer inventory upgrade rotation and spending plan. Also check CUSD window of time to

participate in plan with Jason Gregg. Staff will return to September meeting with more information. Item tabled.

- 5.1f. Discussion/Action: Consider approval additional monies for walls in the Engineering classroom. 8:40-8:50
Walls in IC-23 came in higher than expected. Currently have \$41k in budget for building upgrades. With walls, landscaping and storage containers work is about \$40k. Looking to still add walls in IC-21. Current contractors will provide a new quote, will also look to get a quote from M&O with the district.

Sue wants to see work in line items, not just spontaneously approved.
Motion tabled, Eric will provide additional quotes.

- 5.1g. Discussion/Action: Consider approval of substantive charter revisions (attachment).
Change in credit requirements. WASC accreditation goes through 2020. Two substantial changes to charter. Language changed from Non-English language to World language.

Changes would take effect with the class of 2018. Reason is to promote students taking more classes.

Motion to accept amended language proposed by Matt, seconded by Debbie, approved unanimously.

6. Public Comment. 8:50-9:00
9:00-9:15
7. Items from the floor.
8. Announcements.

Adjourned 8:52.