

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:00 pm

Monday, February 8, 2021

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

Open Session:

1. **Call to Order** **6:01 pm**

Roll call of members – Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. Kate McCarthy joined the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Staff: Becky Brown, Ken Hardy, Doris Luther, Jen Josephson, Celeste Cramer, Joseph Hill, Jarrah Myles, Jim White and Becca Pratt. **Public:** Julie Kistle, Eliza Coons, Alex Brown, Dr. Bob Bernstein.

2. **Public Comment**

Board President Nilsson asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

3. **Consent Calendar** **6:05 pm**

Board President Nilsson asked if anyone wanted to pull a Consent Item for further discussion. No Consent Items were pulled.

Kam Bull motioned to approve all items on the consent calendar. It was seconded by Pat Macias. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

4. **Student Report** **6:10 pm**

Eliza Coons reporting - Tie dye supplies are being put together to hand out to students. They will do this activity together in Advisory. Phantom rehearsals are happening! Recently there was a cross country event held and students enjoyed this.

Teacher Report **6:15 pm**

Jim White - They are wrapping up 5th period on Thursday. He has heard positive feedback on our 4.2 weeks schedule. He is teaching AP Music Theory. There are a handful of teacher's teaching with kids on campus. IPL has been focused on student engagement.

Jarrah - The Skills USA deadline was a week ago, and students are waiting to hear back. Looking at doing an Info Night for Performing Arts. Alice will be in June. It is student written. We are looking at doing a musical theater workshop, and promoting recruitment.

Joseph Hill – soon to be announcing enrichments in Advisory.

5. **Principal Report** **6:20 pm**

Becky Brown said staff has received their 1st dose of the vaccine. The 2nd one will be in a few weeks. We had our 1st training on the hybrid. Our 2nd one will be soon. Joni Dunlap has helped to make it a positive learning experience. We are beginning work on the LCAP. She sent a video to middle schools. Ken Hardy shared CAASPP Testing is coming up in April.

6. **Development Director/Recruitment Team Report** **6:35 m**

Celeste Cramer reported that we have finalized all the naming opportunities for our school and are setting up an online auction fundraiser. They have put out regular press releases and hosted a

Parenting Teens Educational Series. She shared they recently made a web page for each Major to make it more visual. New 21/22 incoming student enrollment is at 94 right now.

She introduced Alex Brown, who spoke about her role as part of Inspire's marketing team. Inspire has the most robust online presence we have ever had. They designed online panels of target groups to tell our story, and it couldn't have gone better. They reached a broader audience. Celeste Cramer shared that the Foundation also has approved Alex Brown to come help with the Capital Campaign.

Discussion/Action Items

9.1 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of New Course Proposal 6:45 pm

Joseph Hill said the idea for Video Games as Literature stemmed from the final project for American Lit, in which students analyze a 'text' from the perspective of the American Dream. And so many students picked video games and were able to eloquently and effectively discuss them, using literary devices and creating a thesis. Becky Brown shared it would replace or alternate with Humanities Café.

Kate McCarthy motioned to approve the new course. It was seconded by Joni Dunlap. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of 2023-63 Facilities Agreement with CUSD 7:55 pm

Becky Brown explained that she had reached out to the attorney to address the questions from last month's meeting. These items were clarified or addressed in the revised FUA.

Brian Boyer motioned to approve. Joni Dunlap seconded the motion. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.3 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Revised Student Freedom of Speech and Expression Policy and Position Statement 7:15 pm

Becky Brown shared we are proposing a Position Statement, drafted by students and staff. Brian Boyer asked if we could have the definitions appear in the appendix.

Kate McCarthy motioned to approve. Brian Boyer seconded it. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.4 Discussion Discuss Inspire Suspension/Expulsion Policy 7:30 pm

Brain Boyer is helping to draft a Suspension/Expulsion Policy for Inspire. He shared language from the Student Ed Code to familiarize us with it. Brain Boyer said his next steps are to reach out to gather more information. He will bring it to our next meeting. He wants to use the language "restorative justice, not punitive justice."

No action taken.

9.5 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Revised Inspire School Reopening Plan 7:50 pm

Becky Brown shared that we are looking into in-person instruction for Per. 7 starting on March 25th via hybrid instruction. She introduced Bob Bernstein from the Butte County Public Health Department. Dr. Bob shared some documents.

Joni Dunlap motioned to approve. Kam Bull seconded it. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

9.6 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of 2020/21 Inspire School Accountability Report Card
8:10 pm

Brian Boyer motioned to approve the 20/21 SARC. Ron Pope seconded it. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

7. Announcements

Eric Nilsson recognized the staff for a job well done by always providing documents in a timely manner prior to Board Meetings. Becky Brown appreciated the Board for always being supportive as well. Kam Bull and Kate McCarthy will meet to discuss the Principal Evaluation form

8. Adjournment 8:31 p.m.
