

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors
Regular Session – 6:30 pm
Monday, October 11, 2021
Room IC 6

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.

Draft MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** **6:33 pm**
 2. **Roll call of members:** Brian Boyer, Joni Dunlap, Kate McCarthy, and Eric Nilsson. Staff: Jarrah Myles, Daniel Marcy, Greg Johnson, Becky Brown, Ken Hardy, Jen Josephson, Becca Pratt and Doris Luther. Public: Chris Fosen. Students: Eliza-Kate Coons, Jaden Gloyd and Kadin DeGeorge.
 3. **Public Comment**
Board President Nilsson asked if there were any public comments. There were none.
 4. **Consent Calendar** **6:35 pm**
Brian Boyer moved to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded by Kate McCarthy. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Joni Dunlap, Kate McCarthy, and Eric Nilsson. The vote passed unanimously 4-0.
 5. **Student Report** **6:40 pm**
 - 5.1 ASB Report
Eliza-Kate Coons reported that Skate Night was super fun. We recently had Spirit Week. Upcoming events: Anything but a Backpack Day, Make-up Day. Breast Cancer Awareness Day, Halloween dress up in costumes. There will be performances for DOP, and a Pumpkin Carving & Spaghetti Feed. There is a Fall Dance on November 5th and a Chipotle fundraiser and movie night.
 - 5.2 Presentation by Engineering Students
Greg Johnson introduced his students Kadin DeGeorge and Jadin Loyd. They presented a proposal for a Plastic bottle crusher. It is in the design stage now. The proposal was well received by everyone. The students were invited to come back when they have some designs and/prototypes.

Pat Macias arrived at 6:46 pm
 6. **Teacher Report** **6:50 pm**
Daniel Marcy reported that the English Dept is reading the Great Gatsby. Mr. Hill is getting great feedback for teaching the Video Games in Literature class. AP Spanish kids are learning about Hispanic Heritage. Econ is excited about the stock market simulation game. AP U.S. History is doing the Great APUSH Debate. Yearbook students have chosen pages. Choir is rehearsing holiday music. There is a ‘Dancing with Inspire’ contest coming up November 4th. Math is starting Trigonometry.
 7. **Development Director Report** **6:55 pm**
Celeste Cramer reported there are two upcoming fundraisers, Oct. 20th at Butte Creek Country Club and Nov. 6th at Almendra Winery. She started a weekly newsletter for better communication with the board, volunteers, staff, etc. Due to a generous donor, the Rainforest Art Project is collaborating with the Foundation to provide art pieces for the new campus that can also be naming
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opportunities. The Peer to Peer Campaign is up to \$23,700. Committee Work Groups for Capital Campaign, Neverland Ball, etc. have started.

8. **Principal/Superintendent Report** **7:00 pm**

Becky Brown reported that we had our first Parent Meeting via zoom. She went over updates, Fremont Street project, Covid, and student mental health services. There were about 20 parents. We just had a Social Worker join our team as an additional layer of support for students. Observing in classrooms is happening again. There is a big issue with subs!

9. **Discussion/Action Items**

9.1 Discussion **Discuss WASC Revised Action Plan and Draft Team Report** **7:05 pm**

Becky Brown explained that we put together a school-wide action plan. WASC suggested 2 more goals and to continue to engage in meaningful professional development. Overall, we felt good about their report.

Eric Nilsson noted that we were highly effective in the majority of categories. They suggested more formal Board trainings. This report was a testimony to our teaching staff how engaging they are.

9.2 Discussion **Update on Alternatives to Suspension** **7:25 pm**

Ken Hardy/Becky Brown explained that our suspension rate was too high last year. We now offer an alternative to suspension which includes: 1) 20 hours community service, 2) check-ins with Kristen Lape, a counselor, and 3) an online 8 hour course on substance abuse using Edgenuity. It will raise awareness and include the family. One student re-offended and we had to suspend. But the other students are appreciative of the opportunity to not be suspended.

9.3 Discussion **Update on Fremont Street Project** **7:40 pm**

Doris Luther explained that there are no updates at this time.

9.4 Discussion/Action **Consider Approval of 2021 ESSER III Expenditure Plan** **7:50 pm**

Becky Brown reported that we are eligible for \$363,000 in this Covid grant fund. These funds have allowed us the purchase items for an outdoor performance, stage, lighting, tent, also a counselor (Kristen Lape), and technology.

Joni Dunlap moved to approve 9.4. It was seconded by Pat Macias. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, and Eric Nilsson. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

9.5 Discussion **Introduce Candidate for Inspire Board** **8:05 pm**

Kate McCarthy introduced her colleague, Chris Fosen, whom she teaches with at Chico State. He taught writing to students and supported faculty with writing across disciplines. He has a son who is a junior at Inspire, and his daughter will go here next year. He was on the Board at Sherwood Elementary and was there during their move. Eric Nilsson thanked Kate McCarthy for her work on our Board over the last 7 years. Her two kids went to Inspire. Becky Brown shared that on behalf of our school that we are sad to see her go.

10. **Announcements**

None

11. **Adjournment 7:32 pm**
