

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:00 pm

Monday, January 11, 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** **6:04 pm**
2. **Roll call of members:** Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. **Staff:** Celeste Cramer, Scott Gunderson, Jarrah Myles, Becky Brown, Jim White, Ken Hardy, Becca Pratt and Doris Luther. **Student:** Sabrina Howell
3. **Public Comment**
None.
4. **Consent Calendar** **6:05 pm**
 - 4.1 Consider Approval of December 14, 2020 minutes
 - 4.2 Consider Approval of Monetary/In-Kind Donations
 - 4.3 Consider Approval of Pending Expenditures over \$5,000
 - 4.4 Consider Approval of Consulting Agreements
 - 4.5 Consider Approval of Contracts
 - 4.6 Consider Approval of Field Trips
 - 4.7 Consider Approval of Fundraising Requests
 - 4.8 Consider Approval of Monthly Check Register
 - 4.9 Consider Approval of Personnel Changes
 - 4.10 Consider Approval of PE Exemption

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

5. **Student Report – Sabrina Howell – Co-Treasurer** **6:10 pm**

Sabrina Howell shared they are pushing tie die day back. It's been hard to get students motivated. They have an idea for incoming freshman to do a zoom meeting with breakout rooms to make it fun. There is an Art Challenge going on now.
 6. **Teacher Report - Jarrah** **6:15 pm**

The Gala was successful and made over \$2,000, however they normally make \$4,000. They weren't able to do more virtual performances due to cost of rights.

Many teachers have found it hard to teach after the winter break. There are lots of black screens and unmotivated students.

Phantom is starting tomorrow, with the first cast & crew meeting, and is scheduled for end of April. Alice in Wonderland will be an outside interactive performance directed at a younger audience.

Jarrah is talking to teachers to see what the spring showcases might look like.
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7. Principal Report – Becky Brown 6:20 pm

Becky shared the facilities planning is continuing to move forward. She said we are looking for new Foundation Board members and to let her know about any recommendations for people that could support and generate excitement around the fundraising effort.

She got a call from Butte Co. Public Health that vaccines will be available to charter school folks this weekend. She will know more soon.

This past week many teachers put their lessons on hold to discuss the recent events at the Capitol. Evita North, our new Equity Coordinator, had resources she shared with teachers and staff.

8. Development Director Report – Celeste Cramer 6:25 pm

Celeste shared that since April we have raised \$110,000 and have 60 donors making monthly contributions. She and Eric are meeting with possible donors. Neverland Ball has been cancelled and has been replaced with a Silent Auction. They are looking for all kinds of donations.

They are looking for new Foundation Board Members. The Foundation has approved to pay for a team to set up their Alumni database. As for recruitment, we have 58 students signed up for the fall.

We recorded four informational sessions that are up on Inspire's YouTube channel. She is working on a Parenting Teens Webinar and will put it in the media. Inspire is hosting all of these.

We have ads on social media & press releases. We also are focusing on retaining these new students.

9. Discussion/Action Items

9.1 Discussion/Action Consider Approval New AP Chemistry Course 6:35 pm

Kate McCarthy motioned to approve the new AP Chemistry 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 2019/20 Audit Report 6:45 pm

Ron Pope motioned to approve. It was seconded by Brian Boyer. 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 2023-63 Facilities Agreement with CUSD 7:00 pm

Ron motioned to move this item to the February agenda to allow for time to research a number of concerns. 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.

9.4 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Student Freedom of Speech & Expression Policy 7:20 pm

Kate McCarthy motioned to accept the policy as written with the understanding we will draft an introductory statement of Inspire's commitment to freedom of expression. It was seconded by Joni Dunlap. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. The vote passes unanimously 7-0.

9.5 **Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Closing Flexible Spending Account** 7:40 pm

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

10. **Announcements** – Eric Nilsson asked to please think of who we can contact for the Foundation Board and send the names to Becky Brown.

Ken Hardy shared that the WASC visit has been postponed until the fall.

11. **Adjournment – 8:00 p.m.**
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