

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors
Regular Session – 6:30 pm
Monday, September 13, 2021
Room IC-6

Draft of MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** **6:37 pm**
 2. **Roll call of members:** Brian Boyer, Kam Bull, Joni Dunlap, Pat Macias, Kate McCarthy, Eric Nilsson and Ron Pope. Staff: Celeste Cramer, Jarrah Myles, Daniel Marcy, Becky Brown, Ken Hardy, Jen Josephson, Becca Pratt and Doris Luther. Public: Dan LaBar, Student: Jasmine Dizard
 3. **Public Comment**
Board President Nilsson asked if there were any public comments. There were none.
 4. **Consent Calendar** **6:35 pm**
Joni Dunlap asked Jarrah Myles if anyone can drop off donations (case of water, etc.) to be sold when we have events. The answer is yes, but consumables must be commercially made and individually wrapped. If there is a substantial monetary dollar amount, Jen Josephson should be notified of the donation.

Kate McCarthy moved to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded by Pat Macias. 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** **6:40 pm**
Student Jasmine Dizard, the ASB Culture Coordinator, reported that students are enjoying being back on campus and all the opportunities they have while there. They appreciate the connections on campus with staff and students. A couple events that happened recently were the Back to School Rally and Club Rush. They both went really well. For current events there is music at lunch every other Friday. There is a Campus Bazaar on September 25th in the parking lot. Skate Night is coming up on the 30th. Then on October 29th, it is Day on the Purple, and later that day an optional free pumpkin carving contest and spaghetti feed fundraiser! Also, Video club plans on piggybacking on that and having a video screening that evening as well!
 6. **Teacher Report** **6:45 pm**
Daniel Marcy reported that lots of exciting things are happening in the classes. In Science and Biology they are starting a lab on how life originated. Evita North's students are creating skits. Performing Arts is doing Dancing With the Stars!

Olivia Cerullo is working with 2 small groups, The Gents and One Voice. These are advanced vocal groups that study and perform more complex arrangements throughout the school year.

Spanish 1 students are going to celebrate Mexican Independence day soon. Freshman English is working on a Contemporary Literature Project where they mail a packet to authors of short stories and essays. In the packet is a student made cover art of the literature piece and a letter asking them questions and if they will sign the cover art.

For Digital Arts, Mr. Hall says that Video Club is "poppin" and they are working hard on the first ever Halloween Video Showcase!
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7. Development Director Report

6:50 pm

Celeste Cramer reported that they have increased donors for naming opportunities, and there are 98 monthly donors. So far there has been \$5,726 raised by students and staff and \$7504 overall for the Peer 2 Peer Campaign, with a goal of \$500,000 by December 31st.

Brittney Hawkins is coordinating a Campus Bazaar fundraiser on the 25th. She is hoping that the P2P Advisories can contribute to it and help raise funds for our new campus.

The Secret Trail event is the 25th 3 pm - 9 pm. Then on 10/20 there is a Wine and Cheese event at Butte Creek Country Club.

Tasha Teeter has reached out to the Foundation to help pay for PSATs exam fees.

Tomorrow is a "Parents Night" at the Butte Creek Country Club for parents to sign up for school events and donations.

8. Principal Report

7:04 pm

Becky Brown reported that the WASC visiting committee has arrived. Ken Hardy shared it was going well. For Back to School Night, Inspire pivoted to a digital version. The teachers had mixed feelings about this. However, we got a couple of thank you's from parents. For Equity Resolution, Evita North, on behalf of the Equity Team held a forum on 9/3. Then those ideas will be reviewed/edited by the Equity Team to get it ready to bring to the Board in Oct.

Students were excited to be back on campus and to be able to participate in a rally. Masking has not been an issue with students. Since school started 3 students and 1 staff member have tested positive. We have a COVID link to a page with information on our site. It is updated with Chris Hammond's site, the Unofficial Butte Co. School Tracker. She and Ken Hardy have done the recent contact tracing, and it looks like 60-70% of our students are vaccinated. We have hired a new Health Aide/Contact Tracer to take this duty over. Also there is a new social worker coming on board as well. And Mitchell Meyer, the new counselor, is doing really well.

9. Discussion/Action Items

9.1 Discussion/Action Fremont Street Project Update

7:15 pm

Becky Brown shared that we recently received some new cost estimates, and there is a current estimated shortfall of \$3.8 million of local dollars before adding the cost of the amphitheatre. This number will change as we get more revised cost estimates. We will update the Board every month.

We had hopes for occupancy in fall 2022, but the earliest date for the release of state funds is spring 2023. Unfortunately, we have to wait until we get the cash to build, since we don't have enough to float the project.

Inspire's meeting with CUSD staff regarding the Facilities Use Agreement (FUA) went well. They confirmed that the current FUA allows us access to the current room arrangement through June 2023. The new FUA allows for two years extension if we show we are moving forward with the project.

In a recent meeting, we were asked if we wanted to keep the amphitheatre on the bid, which Julie Kistle recommends. There was a general consensus that we leave it in for the bidding process.

No action taken.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Unaudited Actuals

7:34 pm

Doris Luther explained that there were many restricted funds last year due to Covid. The PPP funds helped us with payroll. The surplus was quite large, and the fund balance is \$3.3 million as of 6.30.21. We like to keep in reserve 10%, however, we are close to 50-60% in reserve now. She feels really happy the year ended the way it did given the uncertainties.

Ron Pope moved to approve Item 9.2. 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.

9.3 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of EPA 7:42 pm

Kate McCarthy moved to approve Item 9.3. 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.

9.4 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of New Foundation Board Members 7:43 pm

Dan LaBar shared that the Foundation has approved new members. One is Nancy Patton, who has bookkeeping and QuickBooks experience and would be an Advisor. The other is Rose Krepelka, a former school governing board member.

Ron Pope moved to approve Item 9.4. 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.

10. Announcements

There are three Board Members coming up on renewal: Ron Pope, Kate McCarthy & Kam Bull. If any of these members do not plan on renewing, please think of replacements and bring these names to the next meeting.

11. Adjournment 7:48 pm
