

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

**Regular Session – 7:00 pm
Monday, September 8, 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.

1. Call to Order

In attendance: Eric Nilsson, Debbie Travers, Sue Pate, Julie Shea, Jana Gosselin, Taylor Shuman, Eileen Robinson (proposed new CUSD rep), Lucy Whitmore, Dale Word. Meeting begins at 7:10pm.

2. Consent Calendar

7:00-7:10 pm

- a. Consider Approval of August 11, 2014 minutes.
Sue moves to approve, Julie seconds. Approved unanimously.
- b. Consider approval of donations.
Two donations, \$2500 second half of a \$5000 donation. Second donation from CA Motor Vehicle Acct from participation in Every 15 Minutes. \$3066. Dale moves to approve, Julie seconds. Approved unanimously.
- c. Consider approval of expenditures.
No expenditures to report.

3. Student report (reported by Lucy Whitmore)

7:10-7:20 pm

Recent events – new student orientation, instugo training, senior sunrise (good turnout), seniors had breakfast at mom’s after sunrise event. Rally last Friday (school spirit rally, tug-of-war, advisory challenge), back to school night, Chico Palio (1st in people’s choice awards, 3rd in race).

Upcoming events - Day on Purple on Sept 25th, spirit week Sept 22-26, suggestion boxes going out to advisories, Taste of Inspire (9/21), fall dance on Nov 1st.

School spirit – great freshman class, very invested in school. Lots of advisory challenges, school spirit and house cup points. Has been a really good start to the school year.

4. Principal’s report

7:20-7:30 pm

a. Update on Measure E

See attachment from Julie Kistle regarding measure E priorities. Lock blocks placed on every door in district. Next items to be purchased with Measure E funds will be window coverings for code red. Lighting and

cameras are items 6 and 7 of 7. We will have to see if money holds out. Going through items in order.

Eric provided additional info from Jason Gregg on Ruckus and upgrading wireless (attachment).

b. School Opening

First two days of school at Inspire are dedicated to culture building and expectations. New 6' x 10' painting done by all students in a paint by number format during first two days of school. Rules, expectations, kindness and support are key.

c. Back to School Night

Successful evening. Lots of comments about new landscaping, problem with lighting became obvious as evening wore on. Eric telling parents to email district and express concern over inadequate lighting.

d. Taste of Inspire

Scheduled for 9/21. Annual family fundraiser. Dunk tank with administrators and teachers.

e. Library Services

We pay a 6/5th position for library services at CHS. Comes out to about \$11k/year. We aren't getting adequate services for \$\$\$. Proposal to take money out of MOU and hire our own part time librarian. Challenges to effectively using the library include physical location and the bell schedule. It's challenging to even get into library.

f. MOU Update

Wednesday (9/10), beginning series of meetings regarding MOU with district. Meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month (Sept – Dec), 10am. Kevin Boltema, John Bohannon will attend. Would be great to have a board member in attendance. Hoping someone will be able to attend.

Julie Kistle working to move utility bills from district to Inspire for Prop 39 funds. To qualify for Prop 39 \$\$\$, school has to be in control of their own utility bills. Have to be able to show that energy savings school gains are a benefit to the school. If school doesn't realize savings from energy improvement, state will never approve plan. Estimated utility bills are about \$60k/year. Will need a dollar for dollar exchange with MOU. Currently pay \$256k/year for maintenance and operations. Considering addition of tankless water heaters important for health and safety.

Campus supervision has become a problem. Parking lot a problem, no supervision in morning. Combined student population of CHS and Inspire greater than PVs population with less campus security.

MOU also includes \$37400 for pupil support. We are provided a full time counselor for that amount of money. That's a good deal.

Most MOUs with districts range from 11-15% of total revenue. Inspire currently paying 16.4%. Part of it has to do with indirect costs. 159k to 186k this year. Year before it was around \$120k. This is a percentage controlled by state. \$268k special ed costs. 24.7% including special ed. Total revenue \$3.2 million. Good feeling about doing this in a fair manner.

Recent development regarding special ed. (attachment). Inspire caseload has increased. Current proposal is to send inspire resource students to CHS in the afternoon to join a CHS class. Different bell schedules, different schools, doesn't seem like a workable solution for either group of students. Inspire currently 10 students over legal limit of 28 students.

Encroachment of special ed budget onto general budget has gained a lot of attention.

5. Discussion/Action Items

5.1a. Discussion: Change of Board Officers 7:30-7:45 pm
Will elect new board members in November. Can't elect new officers until all new board members are in place. Matt will stay on board but will step down as President. Dale Word has agreed to be considered for Board President.

5.1b. Discussion/Action: Consider Approval of construction in IC21. 7:45-8:05 pm
Quote for walls only in engineering rooms, \$14800. Including cabinetry would be \$4k. Jordan Reed says he could do job with three weeks notice in two weekends.

Will re-visit in October.

Also pending, security cameras and wireless.

5.1c. Discussion/Action: Consider approval of textbook sufficiency certification.

Williams Act. Requires every school district to certify that all students are given equal access to resources. Sue moves to approve, dale seconds. Approved unanimously.

8:05-8:15 pm

6. Public Comment.

Eileen very excited to become a member of the board if the board approves her.

7. Items from the floor.

Sept 29th, Alpin Hong will be an artist in residence and give the entire school a one hour concert and then two one hour workshops. One on instrumental performance and one in vocal performance.

Liza Whitmore found out about Society of Women Engineers, Inspire will begin a local high school chapter that will articulate down with Chico Jr. High School and Rosedale.

8. Announcements.

Next meeting October 13th. Meeting adjourned at 8:23.