

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:30 pm
Monday, September 11, 2023
Room IC-6

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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.

Board Meeting Norms

1. We collectively own problems and we collectively solve them.
2. We respect time guidelines and strive to watch our own “air time.”
3. We commit to hearing all voices and we value the ideas, experiences, and perspectives of all stakeholders.
4. We assume good intentions and we are polite, even when we disagree.
5. We come prepared for discussion—we do our homework.
6. We value feedback that is supported with evidence.
7. We speak up when we do not feel good about a decision before that decision is made.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

6:32 pm

2. Roll call of members

Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Erin Whitney. Staff: Jen Josephson, Ken Hardy, Jarrah Myles, Evita North and Becky Brown.

3. Public Comment

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

This time is for members of the public to offer comments on agenda items or non-agenda items. For agenda items, members of the public will be allowed up to three (3) minutes per presentation not to exceed twenty (20) minutes in total and for non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total

time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

4. Consent Calendar **6:35 pm**

- 4.1 Consider Approval of August 14 and August 22, 2023 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

Ron Pope moved to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded by Chris Fosen. Ayes: Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 4-0.

5. Student Report **6:40 pm**

Abby Corso, ASB President reported that students had their Welcome Back rally and it went really well and was a lot of fun! Advisories are stepping up their game this year for points! The Freshman have been really participating this year! A recent new to Inspire Tea was very successful this year! There were no seats open! Students are excited to be back on campus. Club Rush is this Wednesday! Back to School night and spaghetti feed is Thursday. The Fall dance is Apr. 20th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, possibly at the Women's Club. ASB will go to the Cada conference Oct. 3rd. Students have applied to a Disney leadership conference in the spring, but it is very expensive.

6. Teacher Report 6:45 pm

Evita North shared that teachers have said everything has been going well. The vibe this year is different, students are excited. Teachers had their 1st IPL meeting last Friday and they are hitting the ground running. The Track team is doing well. Their 1st meet is on Wed.

7. Foundation Report **6:50 pm**

Rose Krepelka reported by phone that they had a good Foundation meeting. They decided to invest a portion of their reserves in a money market account to make more money \$200,000. There will be a Performing Arts night at Beatniks coming up Oct. 5th 5:30 - 8 pm. They submitted the Power of 100 Women application and are doing it so we can send seniors to leadership camps for the Disney trip. They are going to start a kick off meeting to get the Parent support group up and running again and are working on a date. They are starting to prepare for Neverland event proposed date Apr. 6th at Sierra Nevada.

8. Principal Report **6:55 pm**

Becky Brown reported that the first two days of school were great, and there were team building activities. During this time they also get to know their schedules and see peers perform.

Back to School Night is this Thurs. with a Spaghetti Feed dinner fundraiser. There has been Trauma Informed training for staff. There is a really good vibe from students this year. They are excited to be here. Our new staff is fabulous. CUSD let us know at the end of last year they were discontinuing our

own food service. Students have to go back to Chico campus. There are bigger lines now, but more food choices. We will keep working on it.

Our Facilities Committee met with CUSD and got some shared definitions ironed out. They would like to pay for the \$10 million with a future bond to be shared out of the Charter allocation. This would have to be approved by voters. A possible assessment for the Charters. The Charters would like it to be based on ADA. CUSD just called a meeting of Charter leaders.

9. Discussion/Action Items

9.1 Discussion Discuss Student Equity Council Implementation 7:00 pm

Evita North shared that the CDE has an anti-bias grant we have applied for. There is a focus on students that are most underserved and underrepresented in decision-making. The Student Equity Council will create their own name. It will deepen their understanding. They will create a council of 15 students from Advisories to serve on the council within their 4 years. With the grant they want to address students that need support. They want to invite students to school meetings to be active participants. Beth Reid will pull students that are selected and they will report their findings to Beth to be shared with Advisories. The goal is for every student to have a chance to be a part of this program. It ends in 2026.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of CCAP Partnership Agreement 7:15 pm

Becky Brown shared that this is an agreement we have had since 2021. It gives students a chance to have dual enrollment. She feels we can do better with this, but we are doing the best we can for now. It is a lot for teachers.

Chris Fosen moved to approve 9.2. It was seconded by Ron Pope. Ayes: Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 4-0.

9.3 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Title I, II, and IV Funding Application 7:25 pm

Jen Joesphson shared that this is our application that we apply for every year.

Chris Fosen moved to approve 9.3. It was seconded by Pat Macias. Ayes: Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 4-0.

9.4 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of 2022/23 Unaudited Actuals 7:35 pm

Jen Joesphson shared this year we have 325 ADA but we are hoping to boost it back up. Our state and federal covid funding will help and our CTE funding is available also. We did receive one time block grants of \$309,000 total, an Arts and Music grant which is wide open. Our major expenses are personnel, but those are about the same. We spent \$47,000 on Foundation expenses last year and \$180,000 in Covid funds. We have a surplus of \$480,000, but \$300,000 is restricted funds. Our fund

balance is \$3.1 M. There is an Ethnic studies grant that hasn't been spent. There is \$10K, that we are still waiting to decide how to spend.

Ron Pope moved to approve 9.4. It was seconded by Chris Fosen. Ayes: Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 4-0.

9.5 Discussion Discuss Board Member Terms and Roles **7:50 pm**

Becky Brown shared that terms expire after 2 years. Chris Fosen will stay another year and Pat Macias agrees to stay also.

10. **Announcements**

11. **Adjournment** 7:41 pm

