

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:30 pm

Monday, March 11, 2024

Room IC-6

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** **6:30 pm**

2. **Roll call of members:**

Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Debbie Travers. Staff: Ken Hardy, Jen Josephson, Becky Brown, Jarrah Myles, Matt McLaughlin, Jarrah Myles and Becca Pratt. Student: Abbi Corsco. Public: James Krepelka

3. **Public Comment**

Board Chair Pat Macias asked if there was public comment. There was none.

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

- 4.1 Consider Approval of February 5, 2024 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 Debbie Travers. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Debbie Travers. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

5. **Student Report** **6:00 pm**

Abbi Corso shared that this week is spirit week and there is a games rally on Friday. ASB Election packets went out today for student government. Spring break is next week. On Mar. 24th there are 20 students headed to the Disney Leadership Conference with funds from Power of 100 Women which raised \$28,000! There is a Foam Party that has been moved to Apr. 12th at night, with hopes for warmer weather. ASB Elections are Apr. 5th.

6. **Teacher Report** **6:45 pm**

Antonio Isern and Beth Reid are taking some students to Mexico for Spring Break next week. Erin Hall and Antonio Isern are taking students to SkillsUSA in southern California on April 4th. Brooklyn Kelley is taking students to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland on Apr. 17th.

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

Rose Krepelka shared that they are doing quite well. Neverland Ball needs people to attend and donation items to be auctioned off. Please bring your friends and plan to attend. We are especially looking for wine donations, which will be for a big-ticket auction item, a wine barrel!

8. Principal Report

6:55 pm

Becky Brown shared that we are starting to plan a retreat which will be held Aug. 7 - 9. We recently received a Distinguished School award! Anything Goes was an outstanding performance! On Apr. 2 we will have our first ever Challenge Day. It is a mental health event to help our Sophomores. Our attendance is better this year because we are collecting short term independent study ADA. We had a huge turnout for the 8th grade career fair/CTE event at the Silver Dollar fairgrounds! We had 8 tables displaying our CTE programs! We have been having safety meetings with CUSD to figure out how to keep kids safe.

9. Discussion/Action Items

OPEN SESSION

9.1 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of New Course Proposals

7:00 pm

Matt McLaughlin shared information for Math C essentials. It is a new alternate path towards a high school diploma. Students can say they have a HS diploma.

ISPE 2,3,4 was actually previously approved at the last meeting, but as a course name change and not all separate courses. This is being brought back as new courses.

James Krepelka shared information about what Intro to Game Design and Intro to Programming would look like. This is an area that gets them into tech. It is a good creative outlet. He is currently teaching this at Butte College now. He shared that this would be a nice step for a beginner. This would be a CTE course with dual enrollment with Butte College. We would be able to attract kids to a new career path.

Brian Boyer moved to approve 9.1, the new course: Math C Essentials. It was seconded by Chris Fosen. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Debbie Travers. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

Debbie Travers moved to approve 9.1, the new courses: ISPE 2, ISPE 3, and ISPE 4. It was seconded by Chris Fosen. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Debbie Travers. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

Ron Pope moved to approve 9.1, the new courses Introduction To Game Design and Introduction To Programming. It was seconded by Chris Fosen. Ayes: Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Debbie Travers. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of 2nd Interim Budget

7:20 pm

Jen Josephson shared that this is our 2nd interim budget. The good news is our ADA is up a little from previous year and attendance as well. We've worked hard to get attendance and ADA up this year.

Our CTE grant money has helped the CTE pathways to obtain things they wouldn't normally be able to. Our main expenses this year are salaries, sub costs and an increase in classroom supplies.

We're estimating a \$48K surplus.

Chris Fosen moved to approve 9.2. It was seconded by Debbie Travers . Ayes: Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Debbie Travers. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

9.3 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of New Auditor **7:40 pm**

Jen Josephson shared feedback about both Auditors being presented. Both work with Charters and have a long history of experience. One is local an the other is out of San Diego.

Brian Boyer moved to approve 9.3 with a 3 year contract with Horton, McNulty & Saeturn. It was seconded by Ron Pope . Ayes: Brian Boyer, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope and Debbie Travers. The vote passed unanimously 5-0.

9.4 Discussion Discuss Principal Evaluation Chat Goals and Outcomes **7:55 pm**

Becky Brown shared that she invited feedback from teachers and staff. She found that staff appreciates when she encourages them to take care of themselves. Also, to remind teachers that she is available with an open door throughout the day. She'll schedule a formal evaluation for all teachers and to see how she can support them. Malina Olson had a thought about our mental health check in and asked to see if we could do the same thing with staff. Becky said she will be sending out a short checkin questionnaire in her weekly staff update and then the Admin team will review the results during their weekly meeting to determine if action needs to be taken.

CLOSED SESSION

9.5 Discussion/Action Personnel **8:10 pm**

No Action taken in closed session.

Return to Open Session

10. Announcements

Pat Macias shared that at MONCA this week, Christine McShane is sharing a documentary on the unhoused.

11. Adjournment
