

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences Board of Directors

Regular Session – 6:30 pm

Monday, May 13, 2024

Room IC-6

MINUTES

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

2. Roll call of members:

Daniel Donnelly, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers and Erin Whitney. Staff: Ken Hardy, Jen Josephson, Becky Brown, Jarrah Myles, Antonio Isern, and Becca Pratt. Student: Abbi Corso, Zella Carmichael-Price and Aarish Adams.

3. Public Comment

Board Chair Pat Macias asked if there was any 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

Ron Pope moved to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded by Daniel Donnelly. Ayes: Daniel Donnelly, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

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

Abbi Corso shared that recently they had Prom and it went well. Last week was Staff Appreciation week, and it went great as well. Next week is Spirit week, and they have some fun days planned! Seniors have a lot of great upcoming events this week and next. There has been a lot of testing going on. Graduation is in 17 days! Abbi brought some Take Space Make Space t-shirts for Board Members.

There were two students reporting for the Student Equity Council, Zella Carmichael-Price and Aarish Adams. They shared information from the debriefing meetings. The SEC meetings and debriefings have been helpful

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

Antonio Isern shared that Spanish I just finished a book, Spanish 2 just finished a book with Beth Reid and students are doing final presentations. Spanish 3 recently went to Rosedale Elementary to lead health lessons in Spanish. Brittney Hawkins shared that for the second year in a row, our yearbook is

in the top 10% for yearbooks in the nation! Our student, Arya Pocock, was voted Boys & Girls Club California Student Leader of the Year!

Danielle Astengo shared that Incendio Volume 9 is available for purchase now! Erin Hall shared that DigiArts students were at the Thursday Night Market promoting Inspire and our summer camps. The Hawk's Nest Studio just had their Video Showcase last Saturday night. There were some amazing videos. We recently had two students win First place at State for SkillsUSA in Ontario! They will be going to Nationals for SkillsUSA in Atlanta GA in June! Antonio shared it was nice to get a note from a student for Teacher Appreciation week.

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

Rose Krepelka was not available. Jen Josephson shared that we made approx. \$27,000 from Neverland Ball! We had 160 people in attendance.

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

Becky Brown shared we have some upcoming Showcases: Vocal, Dance & Choreography. We recently received the Distinguished School Award. Bliss Kozielski has been nominated for the Leading Actor award at the Rita Moreno Awards, which is happening today!

9. **Discussion/Action Items**

9.1 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of Title I, II, and IV Funding Application **7:00 pm**

Jen Josephson shared that we apply every year for these funds. We need Board approval to apply. We get about \$70,000 in Federal funding for this.

Debbie Travers moved to approve 9.1. It was seconded by Erin Whitney. Ayes: Daniel Donnelly, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

9.2 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of 2024/25 Athletic Director **7:20 pm**

Ken Hardy shared that this is a yearly position to be Board approved. It is so he can attend CIF meetings and vote and we can continue to offer the sports that we offer.

Ron Pope moved to approve 9.2. It was seconded by Erin Whitney. Ayes: Daniel Donnelly, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

9.3 Discussion/Action Consider Approval of New Foundation Board Members **7:40 pm**

Becky Brown shared that Foundation members have increased from 5 to 7 members. Charlotte Hall and Samia Yaqub are the newest members. They are go-getters and excited about our school! We are excited to welcome them to our Inspire Foundation Board!

Ron Pope moved to approve 9.3. It was seconded by Chris Fosen. Ayes: Daniel Donnelly, Chris Fosen, Pat Macias, Ron Pope, Debbie Travers and Erin Whitney. The vote passed unanimously 6-0.

Becky Brown shared that this is a report that we give to the state and the public annually. It shows how our students are doing, how we spend our funds.

We will have new dual enrollment classes next year. Involvement in the Parent Support team has really increased this year. We are concerned about the graduation rate. It is at 88%. This is mostly because we can't get parent support and student's mental health. Chris Fosen asked if there is a way to find out what happens to them. Chris also asked if we are able to track students after graduation. Becky Brown shared that all high schools have to track students after graduation now.

10. Announcements

Ron Pope shared that he and his band wanted to thank Inspire. They had a great time and were impressed with our talented students and the event!

Pat Macias shared an upcoming MONCA event Roots to Routes on Fri. 5/17 from 6-8pm..

11. Adjournment 7:45 pm