

Idaho Arts Charter School
School Board Meeting
April 10, 2007

School Board members in attendance-Michael Parish, Joe Flugel, Donna Myer, Shawna Lown, David Pyper,

Meeting called to order 7:40 pm
25 audience members
Pledge

M-JoeS-Donna-Ins no more than \$500. Motioned carries.

M-Joe/S-David Pursue const. manager through closed RFD bidding
Discussion followed. Motion carries.

New business- School board nominees, Shawna Lown, David Pyper, Loren Busack and Melody Finn-Kinswa gave short biographies. Christy Gallup was absent.

Voting took place by members. Votes were counted by Colleen Fox, Jackie Collins and Marie McGrath. We will officially vote our new board members at our next meeting.

Questions regarding dress code will be addressed at the next meeting.

The following teacher and or administrator contracts were presented and approved for 2007-2008 school year:

Jackie Collins
Danielle Setterland
Jodi Warthen
Cyndi Wade
Jennifer Capel
Colene Davenport
Janis Jorgensen
Stefanie Crowley
Marie McGrath
Kathy Goff
Belva Post
Kristen Hughes
Scott Hendrix
Carol Scholz
Daylene Peterson
Marilyn Sweeney
Jenn Lund
Stephanie Brown
Demaris Eckstrom
Kellsie Kater
Andrea Arnold

Anne Vanderveen

*Heather Best

The board will recognize teacher's children as sibling status as per Nampa School District. Determination to follow. M/Joe to adopt Nampa policy. Lottery shall be:

1. founders, 2. preference to siblings, 3. Nampa district, 4. out of area. Motion carries.

New calendar proposed for next school year: start date August 13th, two weeks at winter break instead of three. A new daily schedule would include middle and high school beginning approx. 7:55 and elementary beginning at approx. 8:55. This will save the school a sizable amount of money in bussing costs. Students may use the busses for late activities, such as club activities and detention. Motion to accept the calendar and schedule-Joe/S-David-Motion carries.

The property IACS is interested in has possibilities. (Zilog, 13 acres, two stories) Good location, good grounds, auditorium possibilities. A motion was made to make an offer on the building and submit earnest money. M-Joe, S-Donna Motion carries. The offer would not bind us-it holds the property for 60 days. Joe is the coordinator for the information.

Praise for the school board for all they do. And praise for Jackie for saving money and being a good manager to make this move possible.

Joe discussed school vision and cost effectiveness. Space issues in a new building and what we have discussed with our architect. If we build from the ground up or renovate-how much time is involved in both.

Shawna and Donna have gone to several financial institutions to find out about school funding options.

Arts report-Jan Jorgensen- The following activities will be happening with our school: Nerd Day (to ready for ISATs), Opera in a Box, Darkwood Consort's Ugly Duckling, and Quartango.

Grade levels have started on their new Focused Investigations:

- High and middle School-ecology, What is our affect on the earth?, These students will be cleaning parks in Nampa and do a culminating activity for our ending "Field Day" with fun projects for the younger students in Lakeview Park.
- Fifth/Sixth grade-American Revolution, students will perform a musical for their culminating event.
- Third/Fourth grade- Who was Laura Engles Wilder? These students will have a Pioneer Days and Fiddlefest on May 11. We have procured a barn (at no charge to us) for daytime activities of quilting, Dutch oven cooking, pioneer games and more. That evening a fundraising event of fiddle playing and dancing to raise money for our orchestra will take place.
- First/Second grade- Habitats, What are the habitats of Africa and beyond? Students will be introduced to different habitats in the world and then take a "trip" to Africa. They will experience a IACS safari and study different countries and

tribes in Africa. Culminating event will be presenting dances, songs and stories to other IACS classes.

Administrative Report by Jackie Collins:

ISAT practice tests have been taken to prepare for the next few weeks. Scores for ISATs will not be available immediately. The ISAT assembly is to inspire students to eat correctly, drink water, get enough sleep and be smart-be a nerd. It's hip to be smart. The assembly will also acknowledge perfect attendance. A teacher dance team will perform, a teacher skit and game show (Are you smarter than Mr. Hughes?) PTO will provide bottled water and snacks for students.

A schedule change for next year: no orchestra for fourth grade. Fifth grade will have band and sixth grade will have orchestra. We are hiring a new band teacher for next year. He is very experienced in marching band. A new dance teacher will be teaching middle and high school dance. Heather Best will return to teach half time middle and high school choir. Another elementary music teacher will be hired.

PTO report by Melody Finn Kinswa: The annual PTO talent show raised \$700. Elections on Thursday, April 19, 2007. One needs a short biography for review. There is a need for people to run for offices. There will be an announcement for a uniform swap soon.

Grant report by Shawna Lown: We have received \$1000 from Zion Bank for the Fiddlefest and Pioneer Days. Some other grants may be available for this event. Michael Parish stated, on the behalf of IACS, how grateful we are to have Shawna on our team.

Treasurer report by Donna Myer: Positive for P& L. April is going well for a month that is usually slow. Supplies are a little higher than expected. There is a projected \$300,000 at the end of the year. Zion has an account available that transfers funds to a Money Market account. There is serious consideration transferring money from Farmers Merchant Bank. Donna motions/Joe Seconds-discussion of making sure it truly does pay- motion carries.

Agenda accepted-M/Joe-S/carries

Final tally for new school board members-

Loran Busak-2 year term

Melody Finn Kinswa-1 year term

Shawna Lown-3 year term

David Pyper-3 year term

*Announcement-Saturday April 14th –Foundation Meeting 11:00, lottery at 2:00.

Meeting adjourned by Michael Parish

Respectfully submitted by Jan Jorgensen

