

Idaho Arts Charter School

Board Meeting

Tuesday May 1, 2007

Board Members Present

Michael Parish
Joe Flugel
Melody Kinswa
Donna Myers
Loren Busack
David Pyper
Shawna Lowen

Meeting Commenced; 7:05

Pledge

Annual Officer Elections;

President - Michael Parish – Donna made the motion with Dave second

Vice President - Joe Flugel – Donna made the motion with Shawna second

Secretary - Melody Kinswa – Shawna made the motion with Joe second

Treasurer – Donna Myers – Joe made the motion with Shawna second

Members At Large;

Loren Busack
David Pyper
Shawna Lowen

Prospective Site for School – a walk through the Zilog Building was held. Michael is meeting with an attorney. Discussion was held regarding parent concerns about safety, due to prior use of chemicals on site, despite the positive outcome of inspections.

Welcome New Board Member – The Board welcomes David Pyper as a new member

Collaborative Meeting – Joe Flugel– A successful collaborative meeting between the Board of Education and the IACS Foundation was held and the following discussion groups were set up by Joe Flugel. Some future plans were formulated. An extension to the IACS website will be set up as a clearing house for grants which teachers and board members can explore and apply for. A PowerPoint presentation will be developed this summer to use as a presentation tool to present

the school to various civic groups. Future fundraising efforts will be coordinated with Mrs. Collins, the Board of Education, P.T.O. and the Foundation so that efforts are not duplicated.

Idaho Festival of the Arts – The IACS Foundation – Mrs. Carol Scholz Vice President (present) & Tracy Mattox President (not present) – The Foundation is sponsoring a state-wide arts festival to be held May 8th and 9th of 2008. The Foundation is encouraging all parents and teachers to volunteer for this event which will include performing arts, dance, drama and choral groups from throughout the Nampa and statewide areas. Fine artists will demonstrate their techniques during workshops and a fine art show and sale will be held. Student groups and work from IACS will be showcased and awards given. IACS will also sponsor a statewide talent search, similar to Idaho Idol, called Idaho's Rising Stars with finalists performing during the festival. This will be an annual event complete with food and fun activities for everyone including adults and the children. The Foundation is looking for people willing to financially sponsor the event. The Foundation is also welcoming all parents, students and teachers to participate in an activity or committee of their choice. The needs are varied and range from creating publications and artist recruitment to manning booths.

All are welcome! Please contact the Foundation through the link on the IACS website for more information or to volunteer.

President's Report - Michael Parish reported that the school is working with Wasatch, a company which works out of Utah, to possibly build or refurbish a building for IACS. They will be solicited for a RFP (request for proposal). David will work with Mike on the RFP.

Administrative Report – Ms. Jackie Collins

ISATS (Idaho State Standardized Testing) is currently being administered to IACS students. It is time consuming. This year is a pilot year for the new version. There are more questions on this version than prior ones totaling more than 60. During the testing window all schools both public and charter must participate. IACS was one of the few schools last year to make AYP.

Prom – It was a very successful evening.

Movie Night – This Fri. H.S. and 7th and 8th grades will hold a movie night.

IACS Lottery – Letters went out today and calls were made for Birth Certificates.

New Hires – there are a few new hires for the upcoming school year. Speech and language – we may have to contract with the Elks for service.

Dance Concert – Monday May 7th

Awards Banquet – Tuesday May 8th for H.S. students at 7:00 Students receive awards from teachers.

Parent Involvement – Plans are underway to increase parent involvement at IACS. All teachers will contact every parent and all families will be signing an agreement regarding uniform policy, volunteers and attendance.

Charter School Survey – Both Marie and Jackie are working on the results of the surveys given to staff, parents and students to be presented at a later date.

Dress and Homework Policy – Mike clarified that the administrators may make changes but the Board must approve them. The handbook will be clarified. The Board members will remain on some of the committees but only those with fiduciary responsibility such as grants and fund raising, all others will be the responsibility of the administration.

Board University Books – Jackie bought all board members copies of this book and IACS jackets.

Fiddle Fest – May 11th held to benefit the orchestra. There will be candle dipping, corn husk dolls, old fashioned games and a concert. Tickets are \$5.00 and \$3.00 students. Two sessions will be held at 5:00 and 7:00 with buses leaving from IACS to transport participants.

Finance Report – Donna Myers – A large payment will be received on May 15th from the government. Lottery funds of \$31,000 were used for building maintenance. Dollars returned for capital lease and equipment. The \$150,000 grant is nearly spent with \$10,000 remaining.

Thank You's – Michael Parish - The Board requests that teachers who participated in the recent visit from Zions Bank have students write thank you's. University of Phoenix also needs thank you's for their business plan. Mrs. Scholz will send out an email to staff, have students write them and then collect the letters and give them to Marie to distribute. (done)

Approval of Consent Agenda – Joe Flugel made a motion to approve consent agenda with the exception of the last minutes. Seconded and approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20