

Idaho Arts Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

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Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2010

Board Members Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance Status</u>
Kelly Howe	President	Present
David Pyper	Vice President	Present
Jodi Daugherty	Treasurer	Present
Kimberly Cox	Secretary	Absent
Melody Finn-Kinswa	Board Member	Present
Honey Goodman	Board Member	Present
Liz Skoglund	Board Member	Present

Agenda: As Published

I. Opening of Board Meeting

A. *Call to Order*

Board President Kelly Howe called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm and promptly conducted the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. Presentation and announcements

A. *Talent Show Case – N/A*

III. Consent Agenda

A. *Approval of previous meeting minutes*

1. The board reviewed the consent agenda without last month's minutes. A motion was presented:

MOTION: Board President Kelly Howe motioned that consent agenda without December 2009 meeting minutes be approved.

SECOND: Board Member Liz Skogland seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Yea - 6, Nay – 0. The vote was unanimous.

QUESTION: None.

B. *Current Bills – None*

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C Current Budget-No report

D. Administrative Reports (Principal)

1. IACS value added items. IACS Principal Jackie Collins discussed the idea of developing from staff and students unique values added to the student's education received by attending the school. Jackie read comments from some of the student groups. All will be posted on the IACS web page. Jackie reminded the board that over 60% of the students qualify for reduced lunches and of those many may not be exposed to the arts consistently as they are at IACS.
2. Accreditation Report. A copy of the report was passed out for the Board's review. Every year IACS has to do an assessment. Every six years the NAAS must evaluate the school.
3. Parents Concern. Jackie presented to the board concerns expressed from some parents regarding the school's foreign exchange students being allowed to participate in end of year senior events and being recognized in the graduation ceremony. Some parents have expressed that foreign exchange students should not be allowed to participate in senior end of year activities and not be recognized during graduation ceremonies. A motion was presented:

MOTION: Board President Kelly Howe motioned that IACS allow all senior foreign exchange students to participate in end of school activities and be recognized at IACS graduation ceremonies with a certificate of achievement.

SECOND: Board Member Honey Goodman seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Principal Collins explained more of the parents concerns.

VOTE: Yea - 6, Nay - 0. The vote was unanimous.

QUESTION: None.

4. School Funding Units. IACS has received notification of units to be received from the State for school attendance. The number of units received from the state will be lower than anticipated because of flu sickness during mid October to mid December 2009. This lower amount of attendance was not anticipated and consequently the number of units is lower than expected, hence a lower dollar value received by IACS. IACS will ask the ID State Department for an exception to flu absentees during this period. IACS is about ½ a unit short. A unit is worth \$90,000.
5. Jackie reported briefly how the money from most previous grants had been spent.
6. IACS Teacher Evaluation Long Form. Jackie passed out a draft teacher evaluation form that was based on a rubric of Enhancing Professional Practice: A Framework for Teaching (1996) by Charlotte Danielson. Once it was reviewed Board Treasurer Jodi Daugherty indicated that she will look into whether a policy template exists about teacher probation period. A motion will be considered at the next Board meeting regarding the approval or disapproval of the teacher evaluation form.

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7. New Grant- Jackie announced that a grant was received by 3rd and 4th grade teacher Mrs. Van Orsow for \$800. Jackie requested approval for a day trip for 3rd and 4th graders to the Oregon Trail museum in Baker City, OR.

MOTION: Board Member Honey Goodman motioned that an out of state day trip be approved for 3rd and 4th graders to the Oregon Trail museum in Baker City, OR.

SECOND: Board Member Melody Finn-Kinswa seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Yea - 6, Nay – 0. The vote was unanimous.

QUESTION: None.

8. Proposed Next Year Calendar. Jackie handed out a proposed 2010 – 2011 School Year Calendar. It had the same number of days as this year's calendar. Jackie indicated the desire to extend the school day out by 15 minutes. The board recommended that this be put in the parent's survey for approval in February's meeting.

E. Art Director Report

1. Jan Jorgenson prepared a detailed art report for December 2009, which was distributed in the Board packet.

F. PTO Report

1. None.

IV. Discussion and Action Agenda

A. Old Business

1. No new school policy updates or readings. Due to tax season, Board Treasurer Jodi Daugherty will not be able to review policies and will hand this over to Board Member Liz Skogland until after April.
2. No Building committee updates.

B. New Business

1. Jackie presented a letter written by IACS parents Brad and Patti Neuroth. The letter requested a special meeting to discuss the change to the charter and the proposal to expand the number of students and build an auditorium. The letter raised general concerns / questions as to how the school would afford the new addition with just adding only 60 students. Also, there were two parents at the meeting with similar questions. Jackie provided a very a through response to all questions and explained the reasons for and how the expansion can be afforded. It was decided to have a meeting in April with parents to explain all this. The three driving factors for changing the charter and building addition are:

- 1) Equalization of number of students throughout the grades.
- 2) An increase of students will allow current student's siblings to be able to attend.
- 3) The addition of auditorium has always been in the long range plans of the school.

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Jackie added that the Albertson's grant for \$100K this year and more than likely for the next two years would be able to cover the cost of one portable and additional teacher salaries.

2. Kelly conducted the 2nd reading of the proposed changes to the charter as follows:

Section VI. (Students) Part E. (Minimum Enrollment)

The minimum enrollment for financial viability depends on the financial status of the school at the moment. It is expected that the minimum enrollment for financial viability is approximately 350 students, or about an average of 32 students per class for grades K-6 and 25 for grades 7-11, extending for longer than six months. A more precise estimate will be available three months prior to school opening. The maximum enrollment will be ~~675~~ 780 students, ~~45~~ 60 each in grades K through twelve.

3. Board President Kelly Howe reviewed the goals and action items from the Nov 30 strategic meeting as listed in the document *November 30 planning meeting_rev_02.doc*.
4. Board Member Honey Goodman suggested that a meeting be established for parents in order to present the information that Jackie covered in response to the concerned parent's letter. Board Member Liz Skogland suggested that maybe a FAQ section could be added to the IACS web page.

C. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

1. Teacher Evaluation form motion needs to be added.

D. Action Items

1. None

E. Next Meeting

1. February 8, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

V. Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.