



Inspired Teaching Demonstration School

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

June 7, 2023

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET

In attendance: Lucy Newton, Pete Weber, Rusty Wilson, Mary Pitts, Aleta Margolis, Andrea Browning, Maureen Ingram, Michelle Lerner, Leah Squires, Sundai Riggins

Absent: Morris Clarke

Staff: Kate Keplinger

Minutes by: Joanne Irby, Board Secretary

Called to Order: 6:07 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To amend the minutes from May 8, 2023 to reflect that Leah Squires was present and not absent.

Approved.

The Board moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 8, 2023.

Approved.

Committee Updates

- **Demonstration Committee Update**
 - Reminder to join the next Learning Showcase will be June 14 at 5:30. Please come and share feedback, using the feedback form that was shared.
- **Academic Committee**
 - In discussion for how to share data given Board's feedback in preparation for next school year.
- **Finance & Business Oversight Committee**
 - Working through HVAC issues.
 - Board reviewed and discussed SY23-24 budget.

Adoption of Budget:

Motion: To adopt the proposed SY23-24 Budget

Approved.

- **Executive Committee**
 - Strategic planning contract
 - Next year officer positions need to be determined

Update on Strategic Planning Process

- Will need to identify a contractor.
- Will also need to think through engagement of the community.

Head of School updates

- General Updates:
 - Learning Showcase is June 14, 5:30pm
 - Have been focused on improving Showcase and incorporating other activities that celebrate the school and are fun; will include Evening of the Arts, the Cheerleading Squad, a photo booth, school swag pop-up shop, fundraiser with Kona Ice
- Enrollment Updates:
 - On pace with previous years
 - Rising 5th graders are on pace with previous years' reenrollment
 - Waitlist is extensive, 10% increase in applicants, with many 5th and 6th grade applicants
 - Equitable Access
- Academics
 - We'll have the MAP data next week, once testing is complete
 - The leadership team will have a data step back meeting
 - Summer Boost planning and recruitment is underway
 - School leadership reaching out to incoming families to get data re academic performance and social and emotional needs for incoming students, rather than waiting until students arrive as in prior years
- Community
 - Cookies and Conversation discussions were held in May; families engaged on a range of topics
 - Inspired Gala and Scholastic Bookfair were both successful
 - First international fair since the pandemic was also successful
 - IFA is excited about engaging ITDS alumni, as part of the thinking around rebuilding community, understanding how alumni are faring, high school readiness, and demystifying the high school application process
 - IFA is also reaching out to new families and will continue for the upcoming school year
- Equity Work
 - HoS met with the leadership team to review report

Board Terms

- Michelle Lerner coming to end of her 1st term
- Lucy Newton coming to the end of her 2nd 3rd year term, has offered to extend for one year
- Morris is not renewing after his 6th year; **Amended in September 2023 board meeting to amend minutes to reflect that Morris is renewing his 6th year. Voted in September to renew for a 6th year.**
- Joanne is not renewing after her 5th year

Motion to renew Michelle Lerner's Board Term.

Approved.

Motion to renew Lucy Newton's Board Term for 1 Year.

Approved.

Board Officer Slate of Nominations:

- Michelle Lerner for President
- Andrea Browning as Vice Chair
- Rusty Wilson as Treasurer

- Leah Squires as Secretary

Motion to Approve Slate of Officers.

Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 pm.