

The Ivy School-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

5420 N Interstate Ave.

Monday November 18, 2024

Regular meeting 5:00-6:00pm

Phone: + 1 470-735-3639 PIN: 253 477 044# Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/eqi-pwwy-kgd?authuser=3>

Board Members Present:

Eric McNair Scott, Jim Livermore, Tom Bull, Jessie Fox, Dawnesha Lasuncet, Margie Sollinger

Absent:

Cat Galmidi

Admin:

Amy Stuhr, Jenea Dennis, Nikki Mitchell

Other:

Samantha Nagmay

Meeting Facilitator:

Jim Livermore

Meeting Called to Order:

5:04 PM

Approval of September 2024 Notes

- Tom motioned to approve.
- Question from Margie: Was there a quorum at the meeting?
- Sam clarified there was a discussion about the quorum requirement, confirmed quorum.
- Second motion to approve by Jessie.
- All in favor; Margie abstained as she was not present.

Leadership Report - Nikki Mitchell

- Acknowledged the work of middle school teachers with support from Amy, Jenea, and Sam. First field trip of the year (a play) showcased Ivy pride and leadership.
- Two students working with Ms. Teya in the kitchen, supported by Sam.
- ODE Civil Rights Complaint: Response submitted November 5th. ODE acknowledged receipt; awaiting an official response.
- ODE Visit: Kate Patterson, Kelly Christenson, and Jessie (board member) conducted a check-in with admin and a school walkthrough. Feedback highlighted a positive atmosphere and sense of community. Next steps for charter renewal outlined; key date: January 1 (renewal application deadline).
- Jessie, Cat, and Dawnesha were onboarded to the board in October.
- Chess Club is active, with students playing 2-3 matches.
- Staffing Update: Fully staffed.
- Student Council: Transitioning to an inclusive flat model where middle school students participate in various committees (e.g., event planning, field trips). Mr. V, Jenea, and Amy to support this model.

Financial Review

Balance Sheet and P&L Summary

- Under revenue by ~\$37K and over on expenses by ~\$54K for the month. Differential attributed to timing of spending; expected to self-correct.

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- Children's house tuition is lower than forecast due to enrolling more kindergarten students than tuition students.
- Lunch income program continues to be successful, feeding more students than ever.

Cash Position

- Approximately three months of cash available for operations, indicating a strong financial position.

PTA Updates - Sam

- November activities:
 - \$2,000 raised from apple sales.
 - \$3,000 raised so far in greenery sales; main sale dates: December 6-7.
 - PTA movie night ("Despicable Me 4") was well-attended.
 - Community cleanup cleared three years' worth of debris; neighbors expressed gratitude.
- Fall Festival raised \$3,000 for the middle school trip. Event featured escape rooms and a haunted house, planned entirely by middle school students.

Old Business

- Board recruiting:
 - Eric McNair Scott to step down at the end of 2024.
 - Jim Livermore to conclude his term at the end of the school year; a new chair will be needed.
 - Treasurer position is open; currently covered by Jim.
 - Tom Bull and Nikki Mitchell to coordinate outreach to recruit young board members, including former Ivy students.

Academic Freedom Policy

- Draft shared by Jessie; intention is to create a guide for handling controversial material proactively.
- A work session to finalize the policy will be held before the end of the year. Jessie to coordinate availability via a spreadsheet.
- Amy to review policy updates for any alignment with academic freedom.

Equity Plan

- Jessie and Jim attended a Title VI training; Jim recommended regular training for board members.

New Business

- None.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion by Tom Bull; seconded by Eric McNair Scott. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.