The Ivy School-Regular Board Meeting Minutes
5420 N Interstate Ave.
Monday September 26, 2022
Regular meeting 5:00-6:00pm
*Due to Coronavirus/Covid-19 closures no in-person meeting
Phone: +1 260-327-1959 (PIN: 810105730) Virtual: meet.google.com/dim-jzhx-ixs

Board members present: Tom Bull, Margie Sollinger, Paul Clerc, Jim Livermore, Eric McNair Scott
Board members absent:
Admin: Nikki Mitchell,
Other: Sam Nagmay (PTA), Amanda Rhodes (PTA), Kimberly Fritz, Kevin Laven, Brittany, Miriam Feuerle, Paul de Block, Sarah Trott, TB, Chelsea Llewelyn, Tom Stason

Meeting Facilitator: Tom Bull

5:02 Tom Bull Opens meeting

Approval of May and August 2022 minutes
- Eric McNair Scott moves to approve minutes
- Margie Sollinger seconds
- All present members in favor, motion carries

Leadership Report: Nikki Mitchell
I-ready testing
- Twice a year. Adaptive test. Math and reading.
- Postponed for a week due to tech difficulties but started today.
- Admin looks at data at whole school and grade level; teachers look at individual classroom data and each student individually.
- Teachers discuss 1:1 with students. Plan together to move forward on education.

COVID
- One classroom went on-line when teacher and assistant both tested COVID positive
    - Chrome books provided to students as needed
    - Moving forward, hoping both adults do not get COVID at the same time.
    - If one adult available, we will not close the classroom.
    - We offer assistants additional pay to run classroom if teacher is out
    - Two substitutes on call as needed
- OHSU testing
    - Parents sign themselves up
    - Parents click link and can drop tests at school or at specified locations
    - Action: Jim will review process for signing up and f/u with Nikki

Ivy Fence
- Materials delayed due to supply chain issues, but now on track.
- Construction resuming tomorrow
- Fence to have “fun whimsical cool feel”

Basketball offered at Ivy

- Practices starting the month of November
- Two coaches (assistants in the building) Adrian and Miles
- Communication via Bloomz and hard copies
- 4,5,6 grades will have a team and middle school will have a team
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Aftercare

- Just hired an additional teacher- should now be able to offer more spots.
- Started with three teachers, now we have four teachers
- Four is the target number of teachers

Fourth Week of School

- Students and teachers continue to be excited about being here
- Looking forward to a great school year

Equity

- Training on courageous conversations for new staff only
- Equity team looking at what kind of training for teachers and staff moving forward
    - Team- assistants, admin, and teachers.
    - Equity Team first meeting in a couple of weeks
    - Focus: Goals and next steps and professional development around equity
    - Nikki is co-chair. Darrel Miles- Student information specialist- is other co-chair.

Communications Discussion

- Question- Can the board use communication platforms like Slack?
    - Concern- Slack is not transparent. We can not do anything where the public cannot see what we are doing
    - Open meetings and public records laws do apply to Ivy Board.
    - Oregon state board association trainings available for board members.
    - Legal council can support how best to follow this requirement.
    - Action: Tom will look at trainings and propose trainings for the board.

Treasurer Report: Paul Clerc

- Revenue- on budget
- Expense - 69K under budget
    - Factor: Professional development
    - Factor: medical plan under enrolled compared to last year)
- Paid off the smaller of the two mortgages 7 months ahead of schedule
    - Removed interest payments associated
- Cash flow projection

- Consistent 2-4 months of operating expenses- we are in good shape
- Anticipate maintaining that position for the coming year

PTA: Sam Nagmay (PTA), Amanda Rhodes (PTA)

- Membership pays towards the state PTA fund. Helps pay for insurance (school events), legal advice, etc.
  - https://www.oregonpta.org/membership
  - Search "The Ivy School"
  - Membership encouraged. Membership needed for the vote to count
  - PTA is the first Tuesday of every month.
  - Membership sponsorship to participate are readily available.
    - PTA@theivyschool.org
- First fundraiser started. Apple sale. October 19 is last day to order.
  - https://ivy-pta-apple-sale.square.site
- We have a designer on the PTA team. Kelsie Greenburg. Created a flyer. Posted around the neighborhood.
- Amanda Rhodes- stepping in as the new PTA president
  - Sam will be PTA contact for the board
  - Amanda will come as much as she can
- Fence project in process.
- Thanks to PTA for the ice cream social. Great participation!
- Thanks to PTA for the weekly bread and pastries deliveries

Old Business: Tom Bull

- EMF- Jim and Nikki researched and statement will be released about EMF concerns and links to authorities around EMF
- Statement will include action items
  - Reaching out to owners of cell phone tower to explore protection steps
  - Power distribution panel- how to shield.
  - Cell phones not allowed with students at the schools (this is existing policy)
  - Following FCC guidelines moving forward

New Business: Tom Bull

- Communications
  - Aim to get out communications timely
  - Aim to get draft of meeting notes out within a week of board meeting.
  - Agendas to get out timely as a reminder from BOD

Public Comment

- Tom Stason- Thank you to the board for the work around EMF concerns.
  - Requesting EMF information to include the link he sent to Nikki and Tom.

  - Tom also sent an article to Nikki and Tom about neighborhoods around cell phone towers.
  - Tom requests that EMF testing results be sent out
- Tom Bull: Summary statement to be sent out.

Close of Board Meeting

- Jim Livermore moves to close meeting
- Eric McNair Scott seconds
- All present members in favor, motion carries
- Meeting Adjourned 5:49PM