

The Ivy School-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

5420 N Interstate Ave.

Monday May 20, 2024

Regular meeting 5:00-6:00pm

Phone: [+1 956-413-7322](tel:+19564137322) PIN: 957447635 Virtual: meet.google.com/dxy-fvtc-ddo

Board members present: Eric McNair Scott, Margie Sollinger, Jim Livermore,

Board members absent: Tom Bull, Paul Clerc

Admin: Nikki Mitchell, Amy Stuhr, Jenea Dennis

Other: Annah Yevelenko, Jessie Fox, Julia Murray, Cat Galimidi, Samantha Nagmay, Brittany

Meeting Facilitator: Jim Livermore

Meeting called to order 5:04

Minutes for April

- April Meeting Minutes- need to be sent out, to be approved at next meeting with May minutes

Leadership Report- Nikki Mitchell

- Tuition reimbursement process.
 - 5K in budget for next year
 - One teacher already planning to apply for tuition reimbursement for Montessori Training.
 - Would love see this budget amount raised to 10-15K per year
- Enrollment
 - Only a few spots available in 6th grade and 7 spots available for 7th grade
 - Good for enrollment for next year
 - Hiring- we only have one teaching position that is unfilled for this year. Hopeful to have all positions filled for next year.
 - Assistant positions will be looked at in August.
- Parent Survey
 - 42 responses so far
 - Data will be used to inform school improvement
- State Testing
 - Wrapping up with only 2 students left
 - Looking forward to sharing with families and the board
 - Individual student results will be sent home to families in the mail
- Aftercare
 - Will be outsourced next year with a company called Champions
 - Curriculum, staffing, materials, management-
 - Big relief for admin
 - Serving several other schools in the area, and they had great referrals
 - They will be paying Ivy rent and there will be profit sharing

Treasurer Report- Paul Clerc is absent. Moved to next BOD meeting.

PTA - Sam Nagmay

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- Fundraisers for the season
- Plant Sale- \$4500 (a little more than last year, but the weather was dismal or we might have done even better)
- PTA recruitment / replacement for roles that are leaving next year.
- Making sure that everyone who starts those roles has adequate support.

Old Business

- Board Recruiting
 - Cat Galimidi- is here today. Looking at board participation.
- Building to the North
 - Eric and Nikki in communication with building owners. Proposal to meet with building to the north about sponsorship. Meeting to be scheduled in June.
- Equity Plan
 - There are SMART goals in the plan
 - Equity audit will be coming back from Embracing Equity soon
 - board members have received a link to review and comment- comment via the document

New Business

- Upcoming year's budget
 - State funding projecting 2.6% per student funding rate raise
 - Not projecting a major change in the state funding amount
 - Ivy projecting 289 students for next year, an increase of 18 students for next year
 - SIA funding amount 198K- 9% decrease (Students Invest Account)
 - Afterschool tuition at 0% because of outsourcing for next year
 - Increased revenue for our building through rental income from Champions
 - Childrens House tuition- budgeting for 9 tuition based students and we have put in 2 full scholarships.
 - Total fundraising goal 33K (1% of total budget)
 - Total revenue 3.3 million for the budget
 - Budget for next year us 1% lower than 23-24 (about 38K less than last year)
 - Pandemic funding went away so had to make adjustment
 - Total expense 23-24 \$3.3million (54K 2% lower than 23-24)
 - COLA to most of staff 3% this year
 - Some funds into building improvements, minimal.
- Budget Discussion
 - Student fees- why are we not collecting more than 62%.
 - A: Due to income limitations and scholarships. 62% is in the expected range for student fees.
 - Vacant part time kitchen assistant eliminating- due to budget.
 - If kitchen staff is sick, admin has to take up the slack

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- o There will be one less assistant next year.
 - Middle school assistant teacher position will no longer be budgeted. Funding came from pandemic money.
- o Business checking account showing some revenue.
- o Are there sufficient funds to support the equity plan?
 - Yes, encompassed into the line items that we already have. A lot of that is coming out of our SIA funding.

Budget Approval

- Move to approve the budget – Eric McNair Scott
- Second – Margie Sollinger
- All present approved

Public Comment:

Jessie Fox

- Quin's mom- Kindergarten.
- Formatting services as a director of marketing. Happy to help with google forms.

Annah Yevelenko

- Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination based on sex gender identity, etc., so gathering that information in a survey needs to be considered and people need to know what the data is being used for.
- At no point did this survey or the email it came in give any explanation what it would be used for, nor did it state anywhere that this wouldn't be used for any marketing purposes.

Cat Galimidi- BOD prospect

- I want to be involved where my daughter goes to school. Passionate about education.
- Professional background. Passionate about the focus on the decentering whiteness and equity.
- I live in the neighborhood and want to continue to contribute.

Adjourn public section 5:35

- Move to Adjourn- Eric McNair Scott
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5:36 - Board goes into Executive Session for Executive Director Performance Review

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