

## The Ivy School-Regular Board Meeting Minutes

5420 N Interstate Ave.  
Monday January 23, 2023  
Regular meeting 5:00-6:00pm

\*Due to Coronavirus/Covid-19 closures no in-person meeting

### **Board members present:**

Tom Bull, Jim Livermore, Margie Sollinger, Paul Clerc

**Board members absent:** Eric McNair Scott

**Admin:** Nikki Jones, Amy Stuhr

**Other:** Sam Nagmay (PTA) and Ivy Community

**Meeting Facilitator:** Tom Bull

5:05 Tom Bull Opens meeting

### **Treasurer report**

- State income was higher than budgeted
  - 5% increase in rate of budget
  - Cash available at end of December is strong
  - Plenty of cash in bank to cover the projected loss
  - Budget based on current enrollment

### **Executive Director Update from Nikki Mitchell**

- Applications for enrollment are open. The lottery begins on the 13th.
  - Total seats unknown at this moment. But we will know closer to April 13th.
  - Info “intent to return forms” will be sent to families so we know who is coming back next year.
  - Please alert friends and family members that Ivy’s lottery is open.
  - Ivy tours are again open and going well. The tours have been packed.
  - PPS has declining enrollment and Ivy’s enrollment has been steady. If you have a child who is a sibling who would like to enter Ivy next year, they do need to go through the application process. Nikki will have updates on spots available in each grade at the March PTA meeting.
  - No shadow days are currently being offered for potential students.
- At the last staff meeting, Nikki reminded teachers to spend their PTA funds.
- The students are loving the PTA provided snacks.
- Nikki thanked PTA for supplying delicious lunches each month, and coffee as well.
- February is Black History Month. Approx \$1500 raised for the Sunday Dinner.
- Last day to order dinner is February 17th, so make sure you order.
- Attendance for these events has tended to be huge so there is not a large enough capacity for the school to host it indoors.
- Basketball is going well. Coaches are doing an amazing job teaching sportsmanship. Looking towards next year, we are thinking about what will be done differently and what kept the same. The next 3 games are at Beverly Cleary elementary. Games are Feb 11th at 10:10, Feb 18th at 11:20, Feb 25th at 9:00.
- A new semester started. Middle schedules will be completed soon.
- Outdoor School is coming up for 6th (March 7-10) and 7th grade (April 25-28).

**PTA report (Sam)**

- PTA report on two movie nights last month, first time since pre-covid. It was a learning curve. The first night was well attended, the second wasn't as big. Pizza was ordered guests.
- Hoping to have a second set of movie nights after spring break.
- Lot of good support from folks who helped - made baked goods, bought food, popcorn, clean up.
- PTA are still looking for a backup person for the staff potlucks that happen every month.
  - Amanda is the contact person for this activity. Kimberley Wright volunteers to be backup for this.

**Board Report**

Tom

- Today at 5 PM is our first IVY Board School meeting for the year!
- Our goals for the next six months will focus on bylaw updates, including updating job description and roles; recruitment and retention strategy; ongoing board training; leadership transition; and supporting IVY administration.
- Tom suggested that we modify meeting structure into working sessions to deep dive into bylaws work.

Margie

- Margie has completed a first revised bylaw draft that will be shared with the Board.
- A proposed list of discussion is included with the draft.
- The goal is to spend time in February before a final legal review – possible an in-person meeting.
- There are some urgencies to this project.

Public Comment

No public comments

Meeting officially adjourned at 5:45 pm