



Board Meeting Minutes
Date: March 31, 2021
Time: 6:04 p.m. – 7:57 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING via ZOOM

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Board Members Present: Janice Anderson, Sharad Agarwaal, Absolom Herrera, Kelly Hupfeld, Danny Martinez, Margaret McLaughlin, Patrick Nielsen, T.O. Owens, Holly Peterson, & Brenda Snyder (**Quorum Present**)

Guests: Rick Heroff

I. Call to Order & Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Snyder at 6:04 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. Ms. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Agarwaal seconded, & the motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

- a. None.

IV. Board Education Session

- a. LRP Discussion – Margaret
 - i. Current model (60 college credits) successfully serves just a minority of enrolled students. Can be successful with at least 50% of its students in college level courses given a smaller overall credit expectation.
 - ii. A fully realized early college model is expensive, complicated to manage, & only serves a subset of ECA students.
 - iii. Proposed curricular revisions:
 1. Create flexibility
 2. Infuse socio-emotional learning, academic skill-building, & college & career planning throughout curriculum to fulfill ICAP requirements
 3. Select college courses intentionally to maximize transferability & student success in college, & staff accordingly
 - iv. Additional recommendations:
 1. Offer tuition support for current staff for completing master's degrees that enable them to reach college level courses

2. To support a fully realized ICAP program, support more than one counselor for the entire school
 3. Retain ½ FTE interventionist once grant funding expires
 4. Provide staff \$\$ for ongoing curriculum design work sessions in the summer (e.g., one week workshop)
 - v. Overall recommendation – Change from early college model to concurrent enrollment model with emphasis on curriculum
 - vi. Questions: Do we keep our current model or move on to a concurrent enrollment model, which may entail rebranding, etc.? Is this the right time for such a change?
 - vii. Ms. Snyder proposes that LRP Committee discuss implications of the statute & our charter & whether we should seek CSI’s input at this time.
- b. CSI Training - March 2 - Overview – Danny
- i. Such training session focused on strategic planning & was put on by CSI’s Executive Director.
 - ii. A request was submitted to CDE for guidance on alternative programming that CDE would approve going forward.
 - iii. State assessments cannot be eliminated altogether due to COVID, though, there are some aspects that may be eliminated/waived. CSI Board passed a resolution for the continuous collection of data from such assessments.
 - iv. Area where most schools fail is in developing a good internal implementation model.
- c. April – TBD
- i. Mr. Agarwaal has been assigned to do April 2021 education.

V. Board Work Session

- a. Enrollment – Janice
- i. Have a rough estimate of how many students are not returning, but they’re still just a “guestimate.” Looking into more accurate numbers.
 - ii. Did take a time out with SCHOLA for some issues that came up. Should be getting back on track soon. Working it out.
 - iii. Google will have up-to-date photos of the facilities.
 - iv. Had a very successful parent meeting recently. About 25 to 30 families have inquired more about Infinite Learning.
 - v. Have made a significant jump in enrollment in just a short period of time.
 - vi. Sitting at about 185 – 190 students re-enrolled, but still needs to be clarified further down the road.
 - vii. This school year, we are at capacity for 8th grade.
- b. School Leader Report - Janice
- i. Feds did approve CO state waiver. We’re not going to be wasting so much time giving assessments to students, but it will be sort of be a logistics nightmare.
 - ii. Janice sent out letters of intent to the teachers, & all that we are wanting to return (with the exception of 1 due to moving out-of-state) are returning.



- c. Strategic Plan – School Leader – Janice
 - i. Nothing significant to report.
- d. Strategic Plan – Board – Brenda
 - i. VP position to fill in 2021/2022-time frame.
 - ii. Board encouraged to donate by 6/30/21
- e. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance – Holly/Janice
 - 1. No major surprises in this cycle.
 - 2. Overall, we are sticking close to the budget that we have.
 - 3. PPP revenue hasn't been recognized yet. Janice & Carol are working with the bank, but they just have to wait. Thus, not recognized as revenue in our budget.
 - 4. Our finance person has suggested that we retain a new auditor, as per the normal course of business.
 - ii. Governance – Brenda/Kelly
 - 1. Another board candidate is in process.
 - iii. Long Range Planning – See above
 - iv. Workforce Readiness Committee/ Arvada Chamber – Audyn
 - 1. Will report next month.
- f. Discussion of Board Action Items (see below)

VI. Board Action Items

- a. Review & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – February Board Meeting
 - i. Issues with uploading last month's meeting. Audyn will transcribe his recording of last month's meeting & we will approve them next month.
- b. Review & Approval of School Calendar
 - i. Ms. Hupfeld made a motion to approve the school calendar as presented. Ms. McLaughlin seconded, & the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Other Business

- a. CSI Training Attendees - Sharad
 - i. June 1, 2021 – 4:00-5:00
- b. Other Announcements/Information Items
 - i. Possibly increasing teachers' salaries will come up in June/July sessions.
 - ii. Exec Director review will run per the school year – offer a contract in January & run performance review in calendar year.
 - iii. We're extending Janice's contract, which she is accepting.
 - iv. When should we start going back to in-person meetings & should we target for an in-person retreat - May

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Mr. Agarwaal made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Snyder seconded, & the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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