



International Academy Joint Steering Committee

Huron Valley Schools Milford High School in the Large Group Instruction Room *
2380 S Milford Rd, Highland, MI 48357* 248- 684-8000 *
December 18, 2019- 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

A. The International Academy Joint Steering Committee meeting was called to order by Dr. Paul Salah at 6:04 PM on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Huron Valley Schools, Milford High School. 2380 S. Milford Road, Highland, Michigan 48357.

B. Members Present

Berkley:	Mr. Christopher Sandoval, Asst. Superintendent
Birmingham:	Mr. Dziatczak, Superintendent
Bloomfield Hills:	Mrs. Christina M. Kostiuk, Interim Superintendent
Clawson:	Ms. Jackie Johnston, Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Huron Valley Schools:	Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
Rochester:	Mr. Cory Heitsch, Executive Director
Royal Oak:	Mrs. Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Superintendent
South Lyon:	Ms. Lisa Kudwa, Assistant Superintendent
Troy:	Mr. Rick West, Assistant Superintendent
Waterford:	Mr. Lindberg, Superintendent

Absent:

Avondale, Lake Orion & West Bloomfield

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Dziatczak and supported by Ms. Fitzpatrick that the Joint Steering Committee approves the Agenda as presented.

AYES: Dr. Schwarz, Mr. Sandoval, Mr. Dziatczak, Ms. Kostiuk, Ms. Johnston, Dr. Salah, Mr. Heitsch, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Kudwa, Mr. West, & Mr. Lindberg.

NAYS: None Motion Carried

3. Approve Minutes:

It was moved by Ms. Fitzpatrick and supported by Mr. Dziatczak that the Joint Steering Committee approves the October 2, 2019 minutes as presented.

AYES: Dr. Schwarz, Mr. Sandoval, Mr. Dziatczak, Ms. Kostiuk, Ms. Johnston, Dr. Salah, Mr. Heitsch, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Kudwa, Mr. West, & Mr. Lindberg.

NAYS: None Motion Carried

4. Public Comment (agenda items only)

Dr. Salah recited the HVS Michigan Open Meetings Acts Policy 8350, section H-2.

There were no Public Comments during this portion of the meeting.



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5. Principal's Report:

A. Progress towards school goals

International Academy Principal Ms. Lynne Gibson reported on the progress in accomplishing school goals.

B. MiSchool Data and SEE

International Academy student's test scores are sent to their home district to be included in the MiSchool School Index Report as a SEE. If all districts are in agreement of remaining a SEE, contracts to must be submitted by January 27, 2020. Ms. Gibson's office will provide each superintendent with the contract for their review. Once reviewed, districts can sign and send back to Ms. Gibson for processing.

6. IB Coordinator Report:

A. Curriculum Updates

Joanne Juco, IB Coordinator, reported on the changes in curriculum at the International Academy. The Diploma Programme (DP) Curriculum is reviewed on a seven year teaching cycle, to ensure students are receiving the latest educational research.

B. Students Registered for IB Exams:

Ms. Juco also reported 353 students have registered for over 2,000 individual exams.

7. IA Resolution Update and Next Steps:

Attorney John Kava, with Collins & Blaha, P.C. provided a brief update on the timeline and next steps of the governance structure approved on October 2, 2019. Those interested in being one of the two, at-large spots, would need to pass an individual resolution in their district, stating they want their superintendent to be considered for an at-large spot. They would then be added to the ballot and voted on by the IA Joint Steering Committee members.

Mr Dziatczak asked that Collins & Blaha, P.C. send out a follow up email that will outline a draft of these timelines and processes.

8. Public Comment (non-agenda items)

Lisa Efros reported on IA test scores and commented on the Consortium Agreement Resolution that districts passed earlier in the school year.

Faisal Chardhey, graduate of the International Academy commented on the need of governance at the IA. He also stated the importance of teacher diversity.

Brad Davies reported on the importance of visits to middle school for students that may be interested in attending the IA.

Emilia Askari thanked the committee for posting the Joint Steering Committee meetings so others are aware. She also stated the need for transparency and recommended they develop policies for any private ventures in other countries.



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Dr. Salah wished everyone a Happy Holiday!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent\
Huron Valley Schools

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