



International Academy Joint Steering Committee – Virtual Meeting

April 16, 2020 - 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

A. The Virtual International Academy Joint Steering Committee meeting was called to order by Dr. Paul Salah at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

B. Members Present

Avondale:	Mr. James Schwarz, Superintendent
Berkley:	Mr. Dennis McDavid, Superintendent
Birmingham:	Mr. Dziatczak, Superintendent
Bloomfield Hills:	Mr. Patrick Watson, Superintendent
Clawson:	Mr. Tim Wilson, Superintendent
Huron Valley Schools:	Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
Lake Orion:	Ms. Marion Ginopolis, Superintendent
Rochester:	Mr. Ryan Shaner, Superintendent
Royal Oak:	Ms. Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Superintendent
South Lyon:	Mr. George Heitsch, Interim Superintendent
Troy:	Dr. Rich Machesky, Superintendent
Waterford:	Mr. Scott Lindberg, Superintendent
West Bloomfield:	Dr. Gerald Hill, Superintendent

Absent: None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Shaner and supported by Mr. Heitsch that the Joint Steering Committee approves the Agenda as presented.

AYES: Dr. Salah, Mr. Shaner, Mr. Heitsch, Mr. Schwarz, Mr. DcDavid, Mr. Dziatczak, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Ginopolis, Dr. Machesky, Mr. Lindberg, Ms. Fitzpatrick & Dr. Hill

NAYS: None Motion Carried

3. Approve Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Rich Machesky and supported by Mr. Dziatczak that the Joint Steering Committee approves the December 18, 2019 minutes as amended (removing Mr. Scwartz from voting on items at the 12/18 meeting since he was not in attendance.

AYES: Dr. Salah, Mr. Schwarz, Mr. DcDavid, Mr. Dziatczak, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Ginopolis, Mr. Shaner, Mr. Heitsch, Dr. Machesky, Ms. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lindberg & Dr. Hill

NAYS: None Motion Carried

4. Public Comment (agenda items only)



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Dr. Salah recited the HVS Michigan Open Meetings Acts Policy 8350, section H-2. There was one public comment during this portion of the meeting:

Ms. Carol Finkelstein, parent of an IA graduate and longtime resident of the IA community commented on the draft consortium agreement.

5. Principal Report

A. Survey Feedback

Ms. Gibson reported that a survey was sent to students, staff to gather feedback on what was going well, what challenges they saw and whether students were able to create an online schedule. The survey feedback along with the collaborative information from fiscal agents was used to create the IA's Learning Plan for the remainder of the school year.

B. Learning Plan

Ms. Gibson gave an overview of what the online Learning Plan for IA students will look like. Seniors: Class will conclude on April 24, 2020 as scheduled.

- Prioritizing IB Orals and internal assessments has the focus.
- Teachers have created one final "Essential Learning" to complete. They are either unit focused, reflective or summary learning for the class (not high-stakes).

Grades 9-11

- Continue to send a weekly plan to students each Monday.
- Teachers will create 2 mini-lessons/modules/online learning experiences per week (30-60 min each). Any additional homework should be a maximum of 30 minutes.

C. Calendar Change

Ms. Gibson reported that the 2020/21 IA Calendar does not align with the Oakland Schools calendar for the next 2 years. She asked if superintendents were okay with the IA continued the process of having talks pursuing a calendar change so they would align with the OISD. A recommendation to the JSC will come at a later date.

6. Authorize mailing updated Consortium Agreement to consortium districts

Attorneys, Gary Collins and John Kava with Collins & Blaha, P.C., went over changes and updates that were made to the consortium agreement.

Troy School District will host a Zoom meeting on April 28 @ 4:00 PM. The meeting will be so superintendents and Boards can get answers to any questions they may have regarding the consortium agreement. For sake of time, they are asking for any questions to be in advance of the meeting.

7. Nominations for at-large JSC members

The committee confirmed that Rochester and Birmingham School Districts have nominated their superintendents for the at-large Joint Steering Committee's positions. Next steps will include a resolution that districts will be asked to take action on.

8. Public Comment (non-agenda items)

Travis Coverdell, former associate principal at the IA in China, commented on the new



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governing structure as it relates to relationships with the IA in China.

Emilia Askari, parent of two IA graduates, commented on the schools management and the need of transparency and recommended they develop policies for any private ventures in other countries.

Lisa Efros, parent in the Bloomfield Hills district, commented on the revised consortium agreement and the importance of the Open Meetings Act.

Susan Tang, IA parent of three children, commented on the IA Fund Balance.

Dr. Salah thanked everyone for a productive meeting and to stay safe and healthy while we continue to navigate these very challenging circumstances.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
Huron Valley Schools