



International Academy Governance Council – Virtual Meeting

September 16, 2020 - 6:00 PM

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1. Call to Order:

A. The Virtual International Academy Governance Council meeting was called to order by Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent of Huron Valley Schools at 6:01 PM on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

B. Members Present

Birmingham: Mr. Mark Dziatczak, Superintendent

Huron Valley: Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent

Rochester: Dr. Robert Shaner, Superintendent (joined at

6:21p.m.) Troy: Dr. Richard Machesky, Superintendent

Bloomfield Hills: Ms. Tina Kostiuk (non-voting member)

Absent: None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Dr. Richard Machesky and supported by Mr. Mark Dziatczak that the IA Governance Council approves the Agenda as presented.

AYES: Dr. Richard Machesky, Mr. Mark Dziatczak & Dr. Paul Salah

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

3. Approve Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Rich Machesky and supported by Mr. Dziatczak that the IA Governance Council approves the August 12, 2020 minutes as presented.

AYES: Dr. Richard Machesky, Mr. Mark Dziatczak & Dr. Paul Salah

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. Public Comment (agenda items only)

There was one public comment during this portion of the meeting:

Ms. Emilia Askari, parent of two IA graduates, commented on the governance structure, compliance with the Open Meetings Act and gaining access to individual contracts as it relates to conflicts of interest within the IA and China.

5. Principal Report

A. First Weeks: International Academy Principal Ms. Gibson shared a PowerPoint presentation with back-to-school highlights.



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6. Disrupting Racism Student Association Update:

Three students representing all three campuses of the International Academy presented on their Disrupt Racism Student Association, which is a group comprised of approximately 10 students that raise racism awareness. After the murder of George Floyd, students met from all campuses to discuss the situation and talk about how they felt. At these gatherings, students are encouraged to talk about any racial issues they are experiencing and the things that are currently happening across the United States. Student Representatives were:

Soenke Pietsch – Senior at Central Campus
Tatiana Verville – Senior at West Campus
Tele Ocansey – Senior at East Campus

7. Public Comment (non-agenda items)

None

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
Huron Valley Schools