



## International Academy Governance Council Meeting Minutes

\* Hosted virtually by Bloomfield Hills Schools via Zoom

April 14, 2021

6 PM

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### **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. Call to Order**

##### **A. Call to Order**

The virtual meeting of the International Academy Governance Council was called to order by Mr. Pat Watson, Superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools at 6:01 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

##### **B. Roll Call**

Members Present:

- Birmingham: Dr. George Heitsch, Interim Superintendent
- Bloomfield Hills: Mr. Pat Watson, Superintendent
- Huron Valley: Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
- Troy: Christine DiPilato for Dr. Richard Machesky, Superintendent
- West Bloomfield: Dr. Gerald Hill, Superintendent

##### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **II. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Dr. George Heitsch and supported by Dr. Paul Salah that the IA Governance Council approve the April 14, 2021 meeting agenda as presented.

Ayes: Heitsch, DiPilato (non-voting), Salah, Watson, Hill

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Dr. Paul Salah and supported by Dr. George Heitsch that the IA Governance Council approve the minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting as presented.

Ayes: Heitsch, Machesky, DiPilato (non-voting), Salah, Watson, Hill  
Nays: N/A

Motion Carried

**IV. Public Comment (agenda items)**

There were no requests for public comment.

**V. Principal's Report**

Lynne Gibson, Principal, delivered a report on each campuses graduation commencement ceremonies, IB exams, IB evaluation visits to be scheduled in November/December 2021.

At the East Campus, it was shared that math summer school be hosted for all three campuses. Other updates included the addition of an outdoor classroom.

At the Okma Campus, several building updates and upgrades are scheduled. The updates include taking out lockers; adding two new bathrooms near the music room; all door frames will be painted; new theater curtains and flooring in the ISC classroom; 209 new musical instrument lockers; a new rooftop heating/AC unit will be installed; replacement of 34 windows; and the addition of 2 new ADA science lab sinks.

At the West Campus, building updates scheduled for the summer include new clocks and PA system throughout the building; new plaza entry to the athletic stadium at Lakeland with the addition of a concession building and restroom building; stadium sound system and power; student parking lot will be improved and expanded; and air handling unit replacement for the competition pool.

Dr. Paul Salah expressed his thanks to the staff and students for their resiliency and efforts throughout this school year.

**VI. Start Time Discussion**

Pat Watson, Superintendent, introduced the topic of later start times and inquired what other school districts were doing. West Bloomfield and Troy both shared that the topic of later start times for secondary education has been well received by their community. Huron Valley shared considerations related to athletics, research and that it would be important for districts to unified in their thoughts.

**VII. Public Comment (non-agenda items)**

- Joseph Kesto expressed concerns about taking the IB exams in person relating to COVID safety protocols, and advocated for / encouraged administrators to explore the non-exam route.

- Filal Erfan expressed concerns about taking the IB exams in person relating to COVID safety protocols, and advocated for / encouraged administrators to explore the non-exam route.
- Angela Haddad expressed concerns about taking the IB exams in person relating to COVID safety protocols, and advocated for / encouraged administrators to explore the non-exam route.
- Elizabeth Matty, expressed concerns about taking the IB exams in person relating to COVID safety protocols, and advocated for / encouraged administrators to explore the non-exam route.
- David Day, expressed concerns about taking the IB exams in person relating to COVID safety protocols, and advocated for / encouraged administrators to explore the non-exam route. A letter prepared by the students is being shared with the superintendents relating the IB exams.
- Emilia Askari shared the efforts of moving the International Academy Governance Council to an open meeting forum which provides a platform for student voice and shared continued concerns about transparency.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Pat Watson, Superintendent  
Bloomfield Hills Schools

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