



International Academy Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Hosted by Troy School District
Services Building 4420 Livernois, Troy, MI 48098
June 23, 2021
6:00 PM

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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

A. Call to Order

The Virtual International Academy Governance Council meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Machesky, Superintendent of Troy School District at 6:02 PM on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

- Bloomfield Hills: Mr. Patrick Watson, Superintendent
- Huron Valley: Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
- Rochester: Mr. Cory Heitsch, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning (non-voting member)
- Troy: Dr. Richard Machesky, Superintendent

Members Absent:

- Birmingham: Dr. George Heitsch, Superintendent

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Paul Salah and supported by Mr. Pat Watson that the IA Governance Council approve the June 23, 2021, meeting agenda as presented.

Ayes: Dr. Paul Salah, Dr. Richard Machesky and Mr. Pat Watson

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried

III. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Dr. Paul Salah and supported by Mr. Pat Watson that the IA Governance Council approve the minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting as presented.

Ayes: Dr. Paul Salah, Dr. Richard Machesky and Mr. Pat Watson

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried

IV. Public Comment (agenda items)

None.

V. Principal's Report

Lynne Gibson, Principal, provided an overview of the successful last weeks of school including Graduation ceremonies and IB Exams. The IB Evaluation Visit date is planned for November 10 - 12, 2021. Plans for returning to school in August were shared - staff returns on August 16th and students on August 17th. A Tri-Campus School Improvement committee was formed to identify school goals, which were Instruction, Curriculum, Culture, and Assessment. Culture was chosen as the primary goal and Instruction as the secondary goal. Ms. Gibson then talked about aspects of this school year to carry forward and what to do without.

VI. Disrupting Racism Student Association (DRSA) Presentation

Sonya Park (Junior, East campus), Kayla Collins (Junior, East campus), Siya Chhabra (Freshman, Central campus), and Eesha Gummaraju (Freshman, Central campus) provided an update from the DRSA. Students from all three campuses met with administration and staff to develop a community-wide Anti-Racism Statement, which was shared during this evening's meeting. Dr. Salah asked how this statement was constructed and about the feedback received. Mr. Watson asked what this might look like 5-10 years from now. Students shared their hope of a more inclusive learning environment, student behavior, more training for teachers and overall students feeling safe and included. Dr. Machesky thanked the students for their efforts in helping to create an inclusive environment for this community.

It was moved by Dr. Machesky that the Anti-Racism Statement presented at this evening's meeting on June 23, 2021, shall become the Anti-Racism Statement for the International Academy. It was supported by Mr. Watson and seconded by Dr. Salah.

"The International Academy condemns all forms of racism and discrimination, both covert and overt, institutionalized and systemic - it stands firmly against all types of social injustices, including but not limited to those on the basis of race, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, religious or spiritual beliefs, physical ability, socioeconomic status, and ideology. Additionally, the International Academy community institutes a Zero Indifference approach with respect to discrimination on any basis.

We strive to create an inclusive environment where all individuals receive the respect, support, safety, and acceptance to nurture growth and aid in the development of globally minded people. The International Academy is committed to valuing the diversity in our community and promoting a growth-mindset, empowerment, and equity for all individuals. Moreover, we are devoted to challenging the historical roots that contribute to the existing framework of oppression and injustice in our society and dismantling racism in our community. It is our ultimate goal to cultivate an inclusive learning community whose members – staff, families, and

students alike – hold the tools to dismantle systemic injustices themselves, sharing these skills and tools with others as lifelong learners.”

Ayes: Dr. Paul Salah, Dr. Richard Machesky and Mr. Pat Watson

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried

VII. International Academy Okma Budget Extension

Mr. Watson shared that according to the language in the IA Consortium Agreement, it is required that all Okma Campus participating districts approve, disapprove, or abstain on next year's IA Okma Budget and by resolution of their board. It is recommended the IA Governing Body extend the due date from June 30, 2021 to August 31, 2021 to allow time to circulate the final version of next year's budget with all participating boards for approval by resolution.

It was moved by Dr. Machesky and supported by Dr. Salah that the extension to approve the IA Okma Campus budget from June 30, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

Ayes: Dr. Paul Salah, Dr. Richard Machesky and Mr. Pat Watson

Nays: N/A

Motion Carried

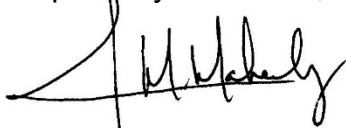
VIII. Public Comment (non-agenda items)

There were no requests for public comment.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard M. Machesky, Ed.D.

Troy School District Superintendent

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