

Indianapolis Classical Schools Board Meeting
via Zoom
April 20, 2021

Board members present were Patrick Chittenden, John Watson, Keith Steiner, Dave Sternberg, Adrian Miller, Mindy Cunningham, Dan Roy, Mark Nottingham, Mac McWhirter, David Steele, Brenda Roper. Staff present were Janet McNeal, Katie Dorsey, Deb Cooney, Laura Cummins, Carroll Bilbrey, Juli Woodrum, Jennifer Neher Sommers, and Karen Lalioff.

Mr. Watson called the meeting to order and a quorum of the Board was present.

The minutes of the prior meeting of the Board were reviewed and approved.

Ms. Dorsey provided the Board with a report regarding Marian University's evaluation team's fourth year evaluation of Riverside. The team was very thorough and provided strong, positive evaluations. The team also provided helpful recommendations, such as math as an area of improvement.

Ms. Cummings and Mr. Bilbrey gave a presentation about ways in which the schools have incorporated issues related to the pandemic into classes. For example, the science department used it as an opportunity to discuss vaccines, viruses, and medicine, as well as a chance to engage in critical discussion and thinking. The humanities department also based lessons on pandemic-related issues, such as the history of pandemics and their impact on human history, as well as discussions about how this pandemic may impact thinking in the future.

Mr. Nottingham provided an update on Herron Preparatory Academy potential locations. The current plan is to be in modulars for two years, but this will go by very quickly. We have explored many locations and strong possibilities, but none has been a perfect location yet.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Woodrum provided an updated financial support. IC will receive approximately \$3.1 million in federal funding, 20% of which must be used to address learning loss. It is anticipated that additional staff will be hired to address this.

Mr. Sternberg and Ms. Neher Sommers discussed the upcoming drive-in movie night, which has an original goal of \$50,000 and now a stretch goal of \$60,000. We also are expected to reach our annual fund goal.

Mr. Roy gave a report with others on behalf of the education committee, with a particular focus on addressing learning loss.

Ms. McNeal gave a report on enrollment. Herron has strong enrollment numbers of 372. Riverside is solid at 67 students, but more enrollees are expected later. HPA has a large number of kindergarten students enrolled, and the numbers are good. Work is proceeding on identifying and hiring a permanent head of school for Herron. Graduation is May 19 for Herron and May 24 for Riverside.

A special board meeting was scheduled for May 18, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned.