

Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 15, 2021 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM Link Available on Website

New London, CT

*This meeting will be held virtually in accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order.

MINUTES

4:02 pm

1. WELCOME /CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R.F. Muckle

1a. Establishment of Quorum

1b. Public Comment

The Board of Directors welcomes public comment. Due to the nature of the virtual format of the meeting, all comments are to be submitted via email prior to noon on the day of the meeting. Comments may be made on almost any matter related to the operations of ISAAC and will be shared with the Board members in their packet. We shall not read or address any comments at this meeting. However, comments concerning individual students or staff members shall not be permitted.

4:01 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- Approval of Minutes from November BOD Meeting
- Reauthorization for the Executive Director to make, execute, and approve on behalf of ISAAC, any or all contracts or amendments excluding loans, effective until December 31, 2022
- Approval of 2022 Board of Directors Dates
- Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for November 2021

Possible Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: L. Muller; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions: None. The motion carries.

4:03 pm

3. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman R.F. Muckle

3a. Annual Auditor Results

Seward & Monde

The auditors thanked the team from ISAAC, Dr. Spera and Erica Robb, for their cooperation and organized preparation with the audit. In summary, the auditors stated this was a successful and positive report and that they will report as such to SDE. A discussion ensued.

Motion: Accept the 990 Form (return of organizational exempt from income tax) and the audit as prepared by the auditors

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: L. Muller; Discussion: None; In Favor: All; Opposed: None; Abstentions: None. The motion carries.

4:10 pm

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Spera

4a. COVID-19 Re-Opening Update

Cases are on the rise. Very few cases at school, but staffing has been an issue. Expecting a big spike after December break. A discussion ensued.

4b. CSDE Report Update

Met as a team. It was a great meeting. Got a lot of ideas. Dr. Spera really enjoys working in collaboration with the team at SDE. A SDE representative is coming to visit ISAAC in early February and will be doing some PD with the English teachers.

4c. Grant Update

21st Century Grant five-year grant, \$850,000.00 (years 1-3: \$200,000 per year; year 4: \$150,000; year 5: \$100,000). Since we also receive the ESSER funds, we are also eligible for another \$250,000 grant to enhance our programming. Checking with the CSDE in regard to permission for busing for not just New London, but also for hubs to other towns for students who participate in the after-school program. Also looking into transportation to make visits, for

example, to Project Oceanology. W. Linski is overseeing this grant. It must be submitted by January 20.

4d. Legislative Update

Dr. Spera will be meeting with the Executive Director of the Connecticut Charter School Association and some local legislators. Looking into getting some of the funding for 504s and changing that statute and getting into the transportation statute that magnet schools are in.

4e. Hiring Update

Looking for one more substitute teacher.

4f. JCJ Architecture Construction Project Update

Met with New London Zoning. Had a great workshop meeting. Looking forward to go in front of the zoning board in January. Securing funding would come after that meeting and securing the RFP.

4g. Food Service Update and Cafeteria Upgrades

The quality of food has gone up. Having a consultant has been great. We are looking into expanding our kitchen. The building inspector came. We will not need an architectural drawing, which will save us a lot of money.

4h. NEASC Accreditation Visit Update - October 20-23, 2024 (Collaborative Conference - Fall 2022)

The steering committee continues to meet and are working on our self-study. We will be presenting to the board the report once it is completed.

4:30 pm

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5a. FINANCE

Treasurer L. Muller

- Finance Update - December Minutes

Our cash position continues to be strong. Received additional funding for after-school programming. The overall budget will be adjusted to include these funds. The goal is to present the revised budget at the January meeting.

5b. CURRICULUM

Dr. Brailey

ISAAC Admin Team

- Fall IAB Student Achievement Data

Had a meeting last week and discussed the recent data received. Dr. Spera gave a presentation on the Fall IAB Student Achievement Data. T. Collins explained our students' scores and indicated the areas in which we need to focus. The curriculum for Math and ELA is being looked at closely to see what adjustments need to be made. A discussion ensued.

5:00 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman R.F. Muckle

Motion: Adjourn the meeting

Moved: L. Muller; 2nd: B. Crouch; In Favor: All; Opposed: None. The motion carries.