



INLAND LEADERS CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting
12375 California Street (CSC)
Yucaipa, CA 92399

August 31, 2021 @ 5pm Lions' Den (CSC auditorium)
Teleconference: [Zoom link](#): Password: ILCSBOARD

Vision: *The vision of the Inland Leaders is to sustain a high-quality community charter school founded upon innovative instruction and character education to create 21st-century leaders.*

OPEN SESSION 5:02 PM

- A. Pledge of Allegiance (Gordon) 5:02 PM
- B. Roll Call (Jimenez) Bonnie Mitchell, Mike Casavan, Eli Gillespie, Aron Wolfe, and Dr. Jay Jimenez.
- C. Student Council Report (none)
- D. Finance Committee Report (none)
- E. Administration Report (Gordon)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The public may speak to any issue at this time of the meeting. Please sign in and indicate if you would like to speak to the Board on the sign-in form located on the table near the agendas. The Board is unable to deliberate or discuss items with the public that are not on the agenda. The Board Chairman will limit the length of time for comments to a reasonable period of time.

There were many teachers and parents that were present during the meeting, one of the teachers stood and talked about the teachers point of view on this matter. They are scared to speak up and feel very uncomfortable with getting tested weekly or being made to get the vaccine against their will. They do not want to quit their job, but they feel like they will be forced to do so; the teachers will do their best to enforce the mandates with the masks for all students. All staff is there to protect our students even if that requires enforcing the mask mandate. Most of the parents and staff added their opinion and thoughts in item A.

Closed session at 5:18 PM

DISCUSSION/ACTION SESSION

The Board will discuss and possibly take action on items listed in this section of the agenda.

A letter from county health was released to enforce the mask mandate; we are developing a plan from what the letter is directing us to do. Woodgrift goes over a few bullet points of what the county letter says; it states that all staff and student(s) must wear a mask if they are indoors. ILCS credentials will be impacted if they do not follow these mandates. ILCS safety committee gathered and has come up with a plan to help all students and staff acclimate to the mandates falling into place. Please refer to the Safety Plan below. Closed Session at 5:59 PM.

- A. **PRESENTATION/ACTION:** [Presentation](#) by the ILCS Safety Committee in regards to recommendations to update the ILCS COVID-19 [Safety Plan](#) and face covering enforcement procedures. (Woodgrift/Gordon)

The safety plan above is very detailed and strict to all staff and students; ILCS has tried their best to accommodate all the requests from parents and staff. At this point the mandates are out of our control and are left for us to follow the rules and comply with what is going on: for the safety of all the students and staff. We all have our own thoughts and prayers of what we want to happen and agree with most of the parents' comments. Most of the parents would like for ILCS and parents to take a stand to not comply with the state mandates; most of the board members and others agree but again is out of our control. The board members try to explain to the parents who are giving their thoughts on this matter that this is beyond what ILCS can do. These suggestions and thoughts need to go to a higher level to actually make a difference; these parents would like us to take a stand as a school and as a community. Mike Gordon mentions to the audience that this fight is not worth losing our school, staff, and especially our students over. The fight to renew our Charter School

every five years is a battle; which is one to battle with. The mask mandate is now out of ILCS' hands and is here to do what needs to be done to continue with our school to stay open. A reminder is mentioned to the audience that ILCS is and was one of the school's open during the pandemic and will continue to do so. This matter upsets a lot of parents and the thoughts they just shared with us all; one of the parents comments that the fight is not with ILCS but with the state. Parents are free to take their student(s) out of their site based seat and their spot will be held for them as long as they are a part of our Independent Study Program or our Hybrid Program. If the parent chooses to take their student completely out of ILCS, they will no longer have an on-site based seat held for them. Any of the programs we offer still need to be held at the standard and mandates of ILCS and the state at this point, with limited exceptions. If a student or staff member gets a doctor's approval, they can wear a face shield. Please read the Safety Plan for any and all consequences of the mandate that is now part of ILCS. We are all hoping that the mandate will be revisited around November 1, 2021. Motion to approve, Aaron Wolfe. Second Motion, Bonnie Mitchell. Vote, Bonnie Mitchell, yes. Dr. Jay Jimenez, yes. Mike Casavan, no. Eli Gillespie, yes. Aaron Wolfe, yes. Motion approved at 6:16 PM.

- B. ACTION:** Administration recommends the approval of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) plan as required by the California Department of Education for the use of \$662,222 provided through the federal American Rescue Act. Funds to be expended by September 30, 2024. (Gordon)

Thoughts are to keep this money until 2024 and get added ideas on how to spend this allocated money. There are three different strategies in place. Please refer to the plan. Thoughts on the use of this meeting is an LVN position for BSC and PPE supplies of \$8000 for two years. The money could go to our new first grade modular and CSC wood flooring throughout the school. We used some of the money for summer school 2021 and for Fev Tutoring Service; we have saved about ten thousand dollars. Aaron Wolfe asked if the Fev Tutoring Service is/was used for our Independent Study program. Mike Gordon says, "Yes, this is how the Fev Tutoring was introduced." Motion to approve, Mike Casavan. Second, Bonnie Mitchell. Vote, Aaron Wolfe, Yes. Eli Gillespie, Yes. Mike Casavan, yes. Bonnie Mitchell, yes. Dr. Jay Jimenez, was not present during this Motion.

- C. ACTION:** Update the independent study policy to provide independent study at 5 continuous days of absence rather than 2 days currently stated. (Gordon)

Mike Gordon has tabled this action until the next board meeting.

TRAINING/WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION

The ILCS Board is provided with training or information in a workshop or session that does not involve any actionable items.

None.

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the consent calendar section are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted in one motion.

Motion to approve, Aaron Wolfe. Second, Eli Gillespie. Vote, Aaron Wolfe, yes. Eli Gillespie, yes. Bonnie Mitchell, yes. Dr. Jay Jimenez and Mike Casavan were not present during this motion.

- A.** July 2021 Check Register

- B.** August 2, 2021 Board minutes

- C. Approval of purchases/services/contracts/MOUs over \$10,000: None**

- D. Acceptance of donations:**

- a. **General Donations:** None
- b. **In-Kind Donations:** Liliana Rogers- Multitude of Library Books With Multiple Titles (4 Bags)
- c. **Fundraising Donations:** None

- E. New Hires**

- a. Certificated
 - i. Shivani Mathur, Teacher Substitute
 - ii. Danyelle Pappas, Teacher Substitute

- b. Classified
 - i. Elizabeth Kunz, Student Coach
 - ii. Candice Roberts, General Substitute

F. Resignations

- a. Certificated
 - i. Corina Soukup, Teacher Substitute
 - ii. Michelle DeVicariis, Associate Intervention Tutor
- b. Classified
 - i. Nicole Hardenbrook, General Substitute
 - ii. Jessica Carlson, Classified Non-Core Teacher (Art)

G. Business Functions

- a. Approve audit proposal with Clifton, Larsen & Allen (CLA)
- b. Approval of master agreement with non-public school (NPS), Jack Weaver School and Oak Grove at the Ranch, for special education services with reimbursement of most services through federal funds.

H. Special Requests

- a. Andrew Simpson (BSC custodian) is requesting leave without pay for a family event from October 14-29th.

RATIFICATIONS

- A. None

CLOSED SESSION

- A. None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bonnie Mitchell would do anything to keep this school open; she has 14 years and 6 grandkids here at ILCS and she agrees that they all need to comply with state mandates.

Mike Casavan expresses his thanks to staff and parents for being here and speaking up; he would do anything to stay open but these comments and opinions need to be taken to the state.

Eli Gillespie has three kids who do not want to wear a mask; he himself does not want to wear one either. This is one situation where he does not want people to lose their jobs; the state is improving even under these slippery slopes. He strongly believes in our Charter School vs the district.

Aaron Wolfe offers the Independent Study program to the audience and wants them to all know that if they need any help or if their student is struggling at all to have all your concerns brought back to the board members at the next meeting; as board members they have both sides of the mask situation.

ADJOURNMENT


Board Secretary


Date