



## INLAND LEADERS CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting

13456 Bryant Street (BSC)

Yucaipa, CA 92399

August 2, 2021 @ 5pm (McKay building)

Teleconference: [Zoom link](#): Password: ILCS BOARD

**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 5:00pm

**A. Pledge of Allegiance (Gordon)**

**B. Roll Call (Gordon)** *Dr. Jay Jimenez, Eli Gillespie, Micheal Casavan, Bonnie Mitchell, Aaron Wolfe. Note: Richard Hansburger is online for support from our Legal Department.*

**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.

*Many parents showed up in person and a few online to discuss their feelings for themselves and their student(s); they have to be the advocate for their children as it is tough for them to speak up. The children feel like they will get into trouble for doing so. The parents have their own feelings about this; they also feel like they will be penalized for speaking up and if they pull their children from ILCS they will lose their spot for our on-site based program. The parent(s) feel, "trapped." It was expressed from Parent(s) that their children did get into trouble last school year because they were facing each other too often while eating snack/lunch; instead of following the rule to sit facing out. Also standing too close to their friends on the playground while they were supposed to be three to six feet apart from each other. Parent(s) of ILCS truly believe that it should be up to the parents if their children should wear a mask, not the schools or anyone else. There were also concerns on the temperature checks before school; some parents believe that it is not right to point such things at anyone's forehead, especially a child's. Parents recommend getting something else to implement if temperature checks need to come back into place. Each parent at the end of their discussion thanked the ILCS staff and board members for their hard work and fighting for each and every student.*

*Closed Session: 5:49pm.*

### DISCUSSION/ACTION SESSION

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

*Mr. Gordon reads a letter that an 8th grader wrote for the school, it is very heartwarming to hear such kind words. This student was with ILCS from a young age, and to see how well ILCS has impacted their life is fantastic. Four new security cameras were installed at BSC; they are running and working well. There were a couple of concerns on how the student(s) will be transported to the office if they need to be sent home early from BSC; will they walk to the office alone, or would they be escorted? Dr. Urrea ensures that the student coaches have radios and are an excellent team. Mr. Woodgrift and Dr. Urrea plan to have a team meeting with both campuses to ensure the safety of all students. BSC is implementing a Staff Kids Club which means hiring new employees. Great news! Our Charter extension request was granted for a few more years; instead of expiring in 2025 we now expire in 2027. BSC had a water leak which did cause some damage; it was taken care of and fixed before the first day of school. Expansion at BSC is still on schedule to happen; Aaron Wolfe is concerned about what this will look like. Mike explains that there will not be much more traffic than normal while construction is going on. In the end this will be helpful for traffic considering they are expanding the driveways.*

**A. DISCUSSION/ ACTION:** The Board will discuss and determine amendments regarding the ILCS COVID-19 Safety Plan in relation to the new California Department of Public Health guidance released July 12, 2021. (Gordon)

We as a Charter need to abide by certain guidelines(see Safety Plan above). Mr. Gordon notes to the Board members that there will be three different resources to go through; Mr. Wolfe thinks it would be better to discuss how we will handle these situations. Mr. Gordon ensures Mr. Wolfe it is a good idea to go over these guidelines first. Last year's Covid protocols showed that there were no covid tracing to school transmissions but through families on their own time. Recommendations for this school year are the continuing with face covers, daily health screenings from all ILCS families and staff. If a parent chooses that their student will not be wearing a face covering; there will be different protocols taken. If parent(s) are still concerned and are looking for more safety concerns we are open to including a plexiglass around the desks; middle school's schedule will remain the same. Staff face coverings are still mandatory; anyone age thirteen or younger will need parents to sign a form agreeing to be tested. If there is a high community spread there will be a need for weekly testing; this will be mandatory. A few concerns of the Board members are if there are students who refuse to wear a mask, can punishment be implemented? Mr. Hansburder responded with an explanation on how it is not on us as a school to punish children for not wearing a face covering; we make the effort on the subject. Mr Gordon also asks Mr Hansburger about the situation of the parents wanting to move their students to a different ILCS program; if they will lose their on-site based seat. Mr. Hansburgers response was, "NO." Board asked numerous questions about students being masked and unmasked; Mr Hansburgers legal opinion is if a student, parent, or staff has symptoms of covid, there will be different protocols if they were masked or unmasked. That person that was unmasked is required to test if he/she was near the person who was exposed rather than the person who was wearing a mask. The board feels comfortable to recommend temperature machines for the school, these would be placed in the hallways. Mr.Gordon expresses to the board members that leaving temp checks up to the parents are not likely to happen; only about 50% of the health screenings were filled out last year. Mr. Hansburger replies with, it is up to the parents to fill it out; it should not be mandatory. Social distancing at three feet apart is recommended but not by a punishable force; staff can remind them but not point it out to any specific students nor about the face coverings. Anything we need to do to keep our school open will be done.

Motion to approve: Mr. Casavan. Second: Mr. Gillespie. Vote: Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Casavan, Mr. Gillespie, Dr. Jimenez. Closed: 7:25pm.

**B. DISCUSSION/ ACTION:** Approve possible amendments to the ILCS Hybrid program policy. (Gordon/Woodgrift) A few concerns have come up about the space and numbers in the class for those students at the mandatory two days a week. Mr. Osborn ensures the board members that there will be enough room for 30 students in class two days at the social distance of three feet apart. There are about five students from the Independent Study program to the Hybrid Program. ILCS has five days to find a spot for those who want to transfer our programs. Motion to approve: Mrs. Mitchell. Second: Dr. Jimenez. Vote: Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Casavan, Mr. Gillespie, Dr. Jimenez.

**C. ACTION:** Update and amend the independent study policy as required by Assembly Bill 130 to address the new independent study requirements. (Gordon)  
If the parent chose to move their student(s) to our Independent Study Program, the student(s) have the right to their site based seat throughout any time of the school year. If the student is not completing 80% of the work within a 20 day period, the student will be under evaluation and determined if they stay in our Independent Study Program.  
Motion to approve: Mr. Casavan. Second: Mr. Gillespie. Vote: Dr. Jimenez, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Casavan, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Wolfe.

**D. ACTION:** Administration recommends the approval of the supplemental retention policy required by Assembly Bill 104 (Gordon)  
Motion to approve: Dr. Jimenez. Second: Mr. Casavan. Vote: Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Casavan, Mr. Gillespie, Dr. Jimenez.

**E. ACTION:** Approve the new school mission to align with the Thrive in 25 Initiative. (Gordon)  
Motion to approve: Mrs. Mitchell. Second: Mr. Casavan. Vote: Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Casavan, Mr. Gillespie, Dr. Jimenez.

**F. ACTION:** Reorganization of board officer positions for the new school year to include Board Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. (Gordon)  
Bonnie Mitchell nominates Dr. Jay Jimenez to be Chairman. Motion to approve: Mrs. Mitchell. Second: Mr. Casavan. Vote: Dr. Jimenez, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Casavan, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Wolfe. Board members discuss keeping Mr. Casavan as Treasurer. Motion to approve: Mr. Wolfe. Second: Mrs. Mitchell. Vote: Dr. Jimenez, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Casavan, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Wolfe. Board members agree to keep Bonnie Mitchell as Secretary. Motion to approve: Dr. Jimenez. Second: Mr. Casavan. Vote: Dr. Jimenez, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Casavan, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Wolfe.

### **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: Mr. Casavan. Second: Mrs. Mitchell. Vote: Mr. Wolfe, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Casavan, Mr. Gillespie, Dr. Jimenez.*

A. June 2021 Check Register

B. June 18, 2021 Board minutes

**C. Approval of purchases/services/contracts/MOUs over \$10,000:**

- a. Renaissance Star Reading and Accelerated Reader Subscription Renewal for 2021-22 (Qty 970 Subscriptions) \$12,826.50.

**D. Acceptance of donations:**

- a. **General Donations:** None
- b. **In-Kind Donations:** None
- c. **Fundraising Donations:** None

**E. New Hires**

- a. Certificated
  - i.
- b. Classified
  - i. Kelly Van Velden, Office Clerk II
  - ii. Andrea Evans, Classroom Aide SpEd
  - iii. Cezanna Patterson, Classroom Aide ApEd
  - iv. Ashlee Sosa, Classroom Aide SpEd

**F. Resignations**

- a. Certificated
  - i.
- b. Classified
  - i. Aidan Hutcheson, Custodian Substitute
  - ii. Star White, Substitute Teacher
  - iii. Heather Hill, Substitute Teacher
  - iv. Lisa Toloski, Child Care
  - v. Megan Wolfe, General Substitute
  - vi. Gilberto Barba, Substitute Teacher
  - vii. David Owens, Mental Health Counselor

**G. Business Functions**

- a. Approve amendment to the Education Protection Act resolution to include staff health benefits as part of the allocation of expenses due to the fact that EPA funds were significantly increased and more expenses were required.

**H. Special Requests**

*None*

### **RATIFICATIONS**

A. *None*

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A. *None*

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Casavan expresses his appreciation for the Cultivate Program and thinks its a great goal as parents and board members; it was proven tonight as they stood up for what they believed.

Mrs. Mitchell gives her apologies for correcting the spelling, grammar and misspelling on items, but is very thankful for tonight's discussion.

Mr. Wolfe gives thanks for a job well done; as well to Mr. Osborn and Dr. Urrea for not feeling the pressure too much from all the parents comments and answering all the questions; to Mr. Gordon for all the docs and information given.

Mr. Gillespie is very thankful to be on the board with members that know what they are doing and discussing. "Those that write laws, don't follow."

Dr. Jimenez agreed with tonight's discussions of what has been put in place for all of our ILCS students.

**ADJOURNMENT** 7:48pm.

  
Board Secretary

  
Date