



INLAND LEADERS CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

12375 California Street Street (CSC)

Yucaipa, CA 92399

May 31, 2022 @ 5pm

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.*

CLOSED SESSION- 4:15 PM

- A.** Board to review and meet with students and their families referred from administration who have been unable to meet the terms of the ILCS parent/student agreements.

OPEN SESSION- 5:00 PM 5:01 pm

- A.** Pledge of Allegiance (Woodgrift).

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for the shooting victims in Uvalde, Texas.

- B.** Roll Call (Jimenez). Present: Eli Gillespie, Dr. Jay Jimenez, Bonnie Mitchell. Not present: Aron Wolfe.

- C.** Student Council Report (Student Council Members).

Wyatt Casavan, 22-23 Student council President, presented a video and spoke in front of the board. He named off the student's he could remember that are in next year's student council and said he'd update the board with the rest at the next meeting. He also mentioned that the school dance was a huge success.

- D.** Administration Report and recognitions (Gordon)

Mr. Gordon started with recognizing the County Science fair winners: Nolan Richards won Silver with a project involving the effects of wildfire. Samantha Amick won Gold with a project involving flammability of fabric softener and was invited to the State science fair, but she was unable to attend. Autumn Whedon won an award for her project involving biodegradation and Mason Young won an award, but was not present at the Board meeting. A picture was taken with the students and Board members. Mr. Gordon also recognized Mrs. Stodelle for her involvement.

Mr. Gordon gave a shout out to Valley Elementary School for celebrating the life of Tyler Davis and dedicating a memorial garden in his honor. He also talked about the recent school shooting in Texas and mentioned they would be discussing school safety for the two ILCS campuses.

The 8th grade Cotillion, held at Active Church on Fri May 6, 2022, was a success. Mr. Gordon recognized Sarah Lopez for volunteering her time to teach the students the dance. Sarah was not present at the meeting.

There is now a place on the Inland Leaders website recognizing donors; the Barnes family, "Staging by Sarah", donated \$1,000.00 to go towards the GOLD night event. There is also a page for alumni, highlighting what our former students are now doing. Mr. Gordon recognized former student Brooke Beaucaire for getting Athlete of the Year at Beaumont High School and because of her high GPA, she received a full scholarship at an out-of-state university.

Mr. Gordon presented the ILCS DashBoard (available upon request).

Enrollment is at 996, April ADA is at 909. May numbers are not available until next month. ILCS had one suspension in April and two in May, no expulsions, no safety incidents and no police reports. There was a police event outside of the school near the California St. Campus. He stated that there were 12 confirmed Covid cases in April and 18 cases in May. There were no class closures. Cash Flow was presented (available upon request).

He then recognized and presented certificates to classified employees that have been with ILCS for 10 or more years. ILCS would like to honor: Ronica Hochreiter , Claudia Thuilliez , Shannon Aiken , Kavita Lau ,

Susie Fletcher , Jahnan Barak , Jacqui Reseigh , Connie Huntsman , Carlos Rodriguez , Juli Hafner, Desiree Davis , Tracy Burson , Simona Sirb and Marianne Loomis .

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION - 5:20pm

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.

A. General Public Participation

Wyatt Casavan, 8th grade student, spoke about the school lunches. He feels that they are not as good as they used to be when students had to pay for the lunches. He thinks this is because Esmerelda [Williams] is no longer making them. Dr. Jimenez asked Wyatt if he wanted to make a movement to make a change.

Charity Norwood wanted to discuss school safety and the parking lot across the street. The recycling center makes her nervous and wanted to know if there was something that could be done to have it moved away from the school.

Robert Coleman spoke about the Student Council election. He had some concerns about how the process was done and he questioned the integrity of the election. His son, who was a candidate for Student Council President, was told that his video would not be shown in the presentation because it was not received on time even though he had submitted it days prior. He feels that his son should have been notified earlier that his video was not received. He also feels that the students should receive feedback from their interview so they can know how to improve. In his opinion, this process needs to be more transparent and kids should learn from the experience. He feels an apology needs to be sent out to the kids that this happened to. He will be at the next meeting to further discuss.

B. Public Hearing for comments regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Session closed: 5:32pm

DISCUSSION/ACTION SESSION

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

A. DISCUSSION: Board to discuss trauma response training and safety protocols. (Casavan)

Mr. Gordon, along with Mr. Casavan , discussed the importance of physical trauma response training; how to apply tourniquets, etc. There was discussion about contacting different organizations to help with Active Shooter training. Mr. Casavan suggested that ILCS have a core group of people that would be interested in doing these training sessions. Mr. Woodgrift will work with the Safety Committee to form a team to work on different safety scenarios. There was discussion about the importance of hands-on training and about the current ILCS Medical Response Team and their responsibilities. Mrs. Mitchell would like the police to know that Bryant St. Campus needs the same attention as all schools and needs to be on their radar.

B. ACTION: Recommended revisions to the ESSER 3 expenditure plan. (Gordon). This is a federally funded program that has already been approved but has revisions. These funds were allocated for new flooring, chromebooks and lpads. The money was also applied to our LVN (school nurse) salary, mental health services, increased intervention support and the Special Education program. Mr. Gordon mentioned that he would also like to use some of the money to increase the substitute teacher pay and to possibly have a resident substitute teacher due to a lot of teacher absences this past school year.
Motion to approve: 1st Gillespie, 2nd Casavan. All approved, Wolfe not present.

C. DISCUSSION: Overview of the draft Local Control Accountability Plan and continued public comment. (Gordon)
LCAP: Due to the district by July 1, 2022. Mr. Gordon went over the slides of the LCAP workshop. He explained the LCAP process and approval criteria and emphasized the importance of transparency with our money. He encouraged parents to fill out the LCAP surveys to help us know what families are wanting to see at ILCS. He explained what the goals are for Inland Leaders: Innovate, Accelerate, Cultivate. He showed the 2022 LCAP Overview. (Available upon request). ILCS will continue with the Hybrid program; they are expecting 25-30

students. Professional development is a priority for our teachers and it is a priority for ILCS to hire the best teachers available. Mr. Gordon would like to have more focus on Science and Social Studies assessments as well as high quality interventions. He is working on a more comprehensive and cohesive plan for students who are struggling academically. He also mentioned the importance of staff and student wellness, student behavior and parent partnerships. He talked about student leadership, our ROAR program and other leadership strategies. He then opened the discussion for public comment/feedback. There were no comments.

- D. ACTION: Recommended adoption of the employee handbook for the 2022-2023 school year developed in collaboration with Paychex. (Gordon) *There were some changes made to the handbook, mostly in regards to legal compliance and labor laws, public health directives, board policy and bereavement leave. Motion to approve: 1st Casavan. 2nd Gillespie. All approved, Wolfe not present.*

BOARD POLICY ADDITIONS/ AMENDMENTS

- A. Recommended amendment to the suspension/expulsion policy to add language allowing a student to request homework who has been suspended two or more days (EC 47606.2). (Woodgrift) *Mr. Woodgrift explained that there is a district policy that states; if a student is suspended for two or more days, that student would need to have the option for Independent Study work. Therefore, ILCS has added new language to reflect that policy. Motion to approve: 1st Casavan. 2nd Mitchell. All approved, Wolfe not present.*

RESOLUTION:

- A. Administration recommends the resolution to allocate the use of Education Protection Account (EPA) funds to be used for non-administration salaries and benefits. (Gordon). *Mr. Gordon explained that the EPA was established by CA Gov. Jerry Brown and this money is to be used for expenses not to include administrative salaries. This resolution is posted online. Motion to approve: 1st Mitchell, 2nd Casavan. All approved, Wolfe not present.*

TRAINING/WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION

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

- A. BUDGET WORKSHOP: Board will review the proposed Governor's budget for the 2022-2023 school year and ILCS budget draft documents. Final budget to be approved and submitted to the charter authorizer prior to July 1, 2022.

Mr. Gordon discussed the state budget process in regards to Prop 98. He's hoping that this budget will be approved by Jun 30, 2022. He explained that the budget is subject to revisions at any time. He mentioned there may be a discretionary budget proposed and a Universal TK budget. He discussed the Expanded Learning Opportunities program which includes extended school hours/days and free breakfast and lunches. He went over the 2022-2023 Local Control Funding formula rates and discussed the ILCS Budget factors. He reviewed the current year vs. next year projections; Bryant St. Campus project was not included in the projection. Overall ILCS is in a good financial position. There was more discussion about school safety and food service standards.

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.

- A. April 2022 Check Register
B. April 25, 2022 Board Minutes
C. Approval of purchases/services/contracts/MOUs over \$10,000:
1. Savvas EnVision Math Grades 1-6, 2020 CC Student Ed 4-Yr Subscription + 4-Yr Digital - \$63,560.45
2. Savvas ReadyGEN Grades 3-6, 2016 Student Pkg + Digital Courseware 6-Yr License - \$46,784.07
3. Savvas CA Elevate Science Grades 5-6, 2020 CA Student Ed Segments 3-Yr Digital Courseware + 3-Yr License - \$12,253.35
D. Acceptance of donations:
a. General Donations: **Simply Staging, LLC \$1,000.00 GOLD Night**
b. In-Kind Donations: None
c. Fundraising Donations: None
E. **New Hires**
a. Certificated

- i. Amanda Sensenig, Teacher
- b. Classified
 - i. Marcie Oxandaboure, Instructional Assistant Sub

F. Resignations

- a. Certificated
 - i. Kassandra Morales, Teacher Sub
 - ii. Briana Yates, Middle School Teacher
 - iii. Amy Martin, Teacher
 - iv. Monica Phillips, SpEd Teacher
- b. Classified
 - i.

G. Special Business Functions

- a. Super Co-op JPA agreement with the San-Mateo Foster City School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- b. Approve increase for the School Registered Nurse contract through the end of the school year to increase it in the amount of \$8,000 dollars which is the estimated amount over the initial contract.

H. Special Requests

- a. Mrs. Beaucaire is requesting leave for three days from 8-15-22 to 8-17-22. This will include 1 personal day and two days without pay.

ITEMS A through H in ONE motion: 1st Casavan. 2nd Mitchell. All approved; Wolfe not present. There was discussion about the teachers who have resigned; Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Phillips are moving out of state, Mrs. Yates will be working at an Independent Study charter school.

RATIFICATIONS

- A. none

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Mitchell: She feels that the whole country is grieving over what happened in Texas. She would like to "beef" up security at both campuses and she would like all gates and classroom doors locked at all times.

Mr. Casavan: He congratulated everyone on an end to a successful year and thanked everyone for their hard work.

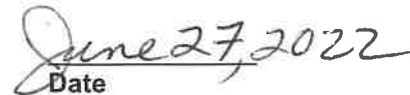
Mr. Gillespie: He would love to see schools use what methods they can to secure safety.

Dr. Jimenez: He said great job on Cotillion and gave a shout out to all that helped. He would like to keep up the tradition. He congratulated the science fair winners and the classified staff who have been with ILCS for 10 plus years. He stated that he was excited about the 22/23 school year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 1st Mitchell, 2nd Casavan. All in favor; Wolfe not present.

ADJOURNMENT 6:54 PM. The next board meeting will be held on 6/27/22, 5:00 pm at Bryant St. Campus.


Board Secretary


Date