



Spokane International Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday February 22, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Location

2706 E Queen Ave Spokane, WA 99217

Board Members Present

Anne Cowles, Cal Larson, Debbie Tully, Kammi Mencke-Smith, Lance Laurier, Stacy Hill

Board Members Absent

Non Voting Members Present

Beth Lanctot, Travis Franklin

I. Opening Items

A.Record Attendance and Guests

B.Call the Meeting to Order

Cal Larson called a meeting of the board of directors of Spokane International Academy to order on Monday Feb 22, 2016 @ 6:06 PM at 2706 E Queen Ave Spokane, WA 99217.

II. Academic Excellence

A.Updated Academic Results

Travis shared academic data from Lexia, showing over 90% on track to be on grade level on or before the end of the year.

52% of first grade is on target, with 29% high risk, where as 0% were on track at the beginning of the year and 78% at high risk for not being on grade level. SIA is working to re-align resources to support students who are at risk.

6th grade has 77% of Lexia students at the intermediate level, and 23% at an elementary level, versus 92% who were in the elementary group at the beginning of the year. 4 of the 6th grade students in the Lexia group have already finished the program.

Math Whizz data is showing over an age of improvement in half of a year of time, and almost a year of growth in half a year of time.

Looking into ST Math (Spacial-Temporal Math) for K-2 next year and Khan Academy and 10 Marks for 6th-7th grade.

Discussion around summer school--Stacy mentioned Whitworth students needing practicum hours to potentially support.

III. Other Business

A.Legislative Update

Potentially looking to move toward a district authorizer with an appeals process to the state should a district not become an authorizer.

If a legislation is passed that is funded through the lottery funds, schools (including SIA, who previously received levy funding), not receive levy funding.

Debbie Tully arrived late.

The legislature will have to vote on or before March 11th, the end of the session.

IV. Governance

A.Potential Board Members

K. Mencke-Smith made a motion to approve Toby as a board member.

Anne Cowles seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

tential new board members:

Jeff Bunch--parent and current marketing professional. Web Content at GU
Sam Song--very active community member, well-connected in the community (including the international community), very supportive of the school.

Abby has stepped down.

Discussion regarding an attendance policy and/or having the board chair check in with people if they've missed two meetings.

B.Potential Parent Disputes in the Future

Add "Open Public Comment" time to agenda ("C").

The board's role during this time is to listen, take notes, and let them know that either Travis or a board member will get back.

Refrain from mentioning student names as much as possible (FERPA). Only if a parent discloses it.

If a board member has a conflict/personal connection with the topic, the board member needs to identify the conflict and refrain from comment.

If an executive session is needed, it needs to be identified in that meeting for the next meeting.

The board's job is to make policy for the entire school, not one student, but rather to work with school leadership and decide if policy is needed.

V. Development

A. Facilities Committee

1. McKinley--beautiful, old building, but too expensive to rehab.
2. NWC--we are now in the process of data collecting, trying to figure out costs around making it usable.

Anticipating \$600K to renovate the flooded building.

Design space--Travis has talked to the local company around the modular buildings that they do. Rough costs to get enough modular space-- \$1.5-1.8 mil

Our current Bridge Grant has very few restrictions on spending.

Numerica is willing to do an 80% loan with 20% down.

Former Spokane Christian Academy--could be a potential, but not enough room to run the whole school.

VI. Finance

A. Budget Update

The board is asking for the cost breakdown for the amount that is owed the State of Washington. They sent an original cost breakdown with an invoice for around \$2,800, and then sent the check back saying they had miscalculated. They then sent another invoice without a breakdown, for \$31,000 without a breakdown. The board is asking for a breakdown of the fees prior to the invoice being paid.

Payment was received from the MW school district, via mail, last week. The amount was roughly \$68,000. This too came without any breakdown. The board is also asking for a description of the apportionment and how it was calculated.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cal Larson