



# Spokane International Academy

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday January 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

2706 E Queen Ave

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#### **Board Members Present**

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

#### **Board Members Absent**

Abby Strocsher, Andrea Simpson, Joe Poss, Lance Laurier

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

Beth Lanctot, Travis Franklin

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### **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 Jan 25, 2016 @ 6:07 PM at 2706 E Queen Ave.

### **II. Academic Excellence**

#### **A.Lexia Conference in Baltimore**

- SIA was recognized for being one of the top (top 1%) schools that Lexia services, out of over 1,000,000 schools.
- 98% of our students regularly use the program (60% is considered "good").

- The program helps kids recognize the skills they are building.
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### **III. Other Business**

#### **A.Legislative Update**

- 2 bills in Legislature
- Litzow's bill has passed the Senate, now in the House--funding comes from Lottery funding.
- Billig's bill has yet to pass the Senate.
- Several board members and the Superintendent from SPS met to discuss having SPS board members visit SIA.
- SPS is currently in negotiation with the SEA, and have put adding other programs on hold until after
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#### **B.Pilot School Option**

- Comfortable with the LAUSD Manual--Travis's only concern is with the district's ability to move administrative staff.
- Ready to become a pilot school at any time, should it be our best option.

#### **C.Principal Certification**

### **IV. Governance**

#### **A.Potential Board Members**

- Anne discussed a board matrix to use for board members and potential board members
  - List skills, traits, etc. that would be desirable for the board
  - Determine who fills those areas and what areas need filled
  - Brainstorm candidates and then let governance committee contact potential board members
  - Suggested traits:
    - HR, Finance, legal, business, community, international community, PR/marketing, construction/real estate, non-profit finance, development,
    - Anne will compile this into a Google doc and send out.

Discussion on Toby Carlson (and other potential candidates)

Have two board members take candidate to lunch

Schedule a tour of the school

Have the group recommend to the board

Facilities and Non-profit finance people (fast track)

#### **B.Board Meeting Schedule**

4th Monday of the month at 6:00, except for February--when we will meet Feb 22

28 of March

25 of April

23rd of May

27th of June

No meeting in July  
Board retreat sometime between August 8th-12th  
\*Summer dates are tentative\*

## **V. Development**

### **A.Facilities**

Looking for real estate and construction expertise. Anne, Kammi, and Cal are all interested in being on the facility committee. Ideally already zoned for Education. Ideally 25 classrooms, gym. Need to be in for year 3. Also looking for someone to find an investor to buy building and lease back to school.

## **VI. Finance**

### **A.Budget Update**

Beth presented the budget vs actual. Discussed the WA Charters Bridge Grant, designed to bridge any gaps in our budget. SIA won't know for sure how much apportionment they will receive until they get it at the end of January. Conservative spending has left a good projected surplus--saving for future facility.

## **VII. Misc. Updates**

### **A.Other Business**

- Waiting to do big marketing push until after legislative session is finished.
- Discussion on continuing to enroll 6th graders this school year.
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Not hiring a Director of Development; looking to hire a director of the Primary Academy in the future, to prepare for having two sites in the future.

Discussion of marketing and incentives.

Travis discussed the potential of very seriously considering doing a high school. Anne suggested looking into having the HS be part of the district. Cambridge was designed to be a HS initially.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

### **A.New Business**

### **B.Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cal Larson