

Spokane International Academy Board Meeting

Minutes

Attendance: Kammi Mencke-Smith, Board Vice President; Anne Cowles, Board Member; Cal Larson, Board Chair; Matt Hoag, Board Member; Stacy Hill, Board Secretary; Travis Franklin, Head of School; Beth Lanctot, Director of Finance

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. **Vote:** Approve Minutes from January
 1. Matt moved; Anne seconded. The minutes from January were approved
3. **Vote:** Special Education Policy
 1. Matt moved; Kammi seconded. The motion carried. The updates to the Special Education policy was approved.
4. Final Enrollment numbers for 2017-18
 1. Travis shared the final enrollment numbers for 17-18. SIA had strong enrollment numbers and exceeded application targets in all areas.
5. Charter contract transfer petition status
 1. Travis updated the board on the process for transferring the contract from SPS to the commission. Travis submitted the required documents 2/20. Travis will present to the State Board of Education 3/8. A decision will be made 3/9 if they will approve the transfer or not.
6. Facility Update
 1. Travis discussed the new facility option and letter of understanding that he signed, which is contingent on the charter contract transfer.
7. Finance
 1. Matt shared some updates around the budget and two areas of overage—supplies and classified staff who were hired after the budget was submitted to OSPI. Matt mentioned the board approving these overages at a future time. He also discussed the new facility options and the positive impact this facility would have on the budget.

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8. Staffing for 2017-18

1. Travis updated the board on current staff openings for next year. He discussed that we have a few staff members leaving to teach internationally, and that the rest of the openings are due to the growth of the school. He also discussed adding additional admin (a principal who will be paid by WA Charters through a fellowship) as well as a Dean of Students and a school counselor.

9. Cambridge and IB

1. Travis opened up discussion around switching from Cambridge to IB. He discussed the lack of effective Cambridge professional development and support. He has researched IB and believes it to be a better fit with the current mission of the school. Anne shared some negative feedback about the IB program that she gathered from members of the community. Kammi and Cal both shared that they, as a board, are more interested in political and marketing implications, rather than curricular.

10. High School Expansion: WSU visit

1. Travis and Cal met with the chancellor of WSU's Riverpoint Campus about the potential of using space in the Jensen Byrd building for a high school campus, possibly sharing space with a college for a day/night situation.

Cal adjourned the meeting at 7:00