



Voices for International Business and Education

Minutes

School Expansion

Date and Time

Thursday November 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Location

Zoom Call

Voices for International Business and Education http://public.boardontrack.com/VIBE_1

Directors Present

J. Lampton (remote), K. Dwyer (remote), L. Scott Porter (remote), S. Olivier (remote), S. Thomas (remote)

Directors Absent

A. Tufail

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Wilson (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

S. Wilson (remote)

Guests Present

A. Berger (remote), K. Vo (remote), T. Huynh (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Thomas called a meeting to order on Thursday Nov 5, 2020 at 5:06 PM.

C. School Expansion Planning

The committee discussed Expansion of IHSNO including pros and cons. Ways to Expand included:

1. Add middle school (7th-8th grade)
2. Increased number of students served in 9th-12grade
3. Add lower school (k-6)
4. Start New Charter - to design a new school, starting from a blank canvas
5. Virtual Academy

Majority of committee members agreed that expansion would be a good idea.

--could incorporate all options with a virtual component, given Covid

--however, most members preferred adding middle school (7th and 8th grade only)

----other options would be too expensive

Committee agreed that even though expansion with a middle school might benefit our school (earlier student engagement in the IB model, minimizing learning gaps before starting high school) the members wanted to be confirm if other families would desire 7th-8th grade expansion

---what other schools have a middle school IB program (Riverdae, Morris Jeff)

--why would families send their kids to our program

The committee concluded: Use Focus Groups or Third Party to investigate the desire to add middle school (7th-8th grades). Provide committee with a comparative analysis to other middle schools with middle school IB programs.

II. 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 6:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Thomas

Documents used during the meeting

- Expansion Overview-DRAFT-2020-0801.pdf
- 2020-21 IHSNO Pupil Progression Plan - signed.pdf