

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting was held in the school media center and called to order by Ken Jacobs. . . . Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Jacobs

Roll Call: In attendance: Christina Barnhardt, Telisha, Montgomery, and Ken Jacobs

Absent: Marie Brown-Darbouze, Ingrid Figueroa, and Rick Crawford

We have two openings, a teacher and community partner.

If someone is interested in becoming part of the board, they can contact a city and will get an application.

Notice of Meeting: Mrs. Penaloza shared that the notice of the meeting was posted on Remind, the website, and on Facebook.

Approval of meeting minutes: The motion to approve was tabled until next week since Ken was not there and therefore cannot vote.

Old Business: *Move technology to old business*

New Business:

Mr. Young: the last budget approved was in May.

Major change – all the things we were planning on purchasing didn't get purchased this summer so there is a change to the bottom line.

Financial Update – Revenues were mostly the same except for two revenues. During May and June, the funds were deposited at the end of the year so that money came in higher including salary.

Mr. Young will review before the auditors come in on Monday. On line 29 textbooks, not as much was purchased. IKCA is planning to spend the whole amount. They are asking the board to recommend \$150,000 to assign \$100,000 to technology and \$50,000 to textbooks. Principal Penaloza shared that we are looking into newer promethium boards that can match up with our current curriculum and are more user friendly. We purchased promethium boards at a very inexpensive rate at least 6 years ago from another charter school. Also, the classroom technology was a cart of laptops, we want to look at how to revamp the classroom technology. We are looking into doing a start up program with ipads or more mobile technology (other than a desktop computer) but overall even looking at basic desktop computers for the students.

Mr. Young mentioned there is some erate funding that can go in (about \$85,000 total) but based on free and reduced lunch, we would only need to pay around \$20,000-\$30,000.

Ken Jacobs suggested IKCA should purchase technology focused on the grades where scores are lowest. We should look into technology and programs for specifically the grade levels with lowest test scores.

Mr. Young shared we are asking for the board to approve more before we have spent the other funds because we are saving for future needs as well (such as k-8 science curriculum needing to be adopted for next year).

Ken Jacobs would like to see a plan. He believes that while we need to save, we also need to use what we have to help kids that are struggling now.

Mr. Young will get a plan to the board within the next three months.

Christina Barnhardt suggested we look at Imagine schools that already have the technology that we're looking at that we can mirror.

Mrs. McCarley shared Vero has been purchasing promethium board and tablets and getting more technology into the hands of students. There's also Lake Wales school that has replaced almost the entire technology and textbooks with ipads. Mrs. Penaloza mentioned IKCA is also looking at chromebooks as those are less expensive.

Ms. Matthews (from the District) shared that the school district is going to start acquiring money to purchase more technology. There might be some grants that IKCA can now apply for.

Ken Jacobs motions that the final 2015 budget with 100,000 going into technology and 50,000 going into textbooks with the plan of how we plan to spend extra money. Christina Barnhardt seconds. The vote is unanimous.

Meeting Schedule

Mrs. McCarley suggested IKCA change the meeting date for SAB and SAC in order to provide more accurate financial details to the last Thursday of the month so the board can review the finances of that month instead of the month prior. This needs to be voted on since it's in the bi-laws. Ken Jacobs motions we move it to the last week of the month. Telisha Montgomery seconds, the new meeting date will begin in October. The schedule will be set and there will be a revote later if need be.

Imagine Kissimmee Report

Academic Report – Lastenia Penaloza

Front office is restructured for more support for our staff. Mrs. Penaloza will be doing all observations so there was need for a dean.

Mrs. Mary Briggs will be serving as the Dean of Students. We wanted an academic coach and a data coach. In the time that we had an

academic coach, we felt their job was watered down with all the additional things that were added to her plate. Now Trish Robinet will be our data and intervention coach. There will be additional support time for the students to get extra help. There will also be additional para professionals. Trish will be modeling this with the para professionals. Ms. Andrea Rogers will step out of the classroom and serve as the academic coach supporting teachers. Mrs. Denise Richmond has been here longer than anyone and she is taking on the new role of not only overseeing the compliance for ESE and ESOL but also director of operations (fire alarms, safety plans, transportation, etc). This allows Mrs. Penaloza to be focused on what she needs to be focused on in the classroom. Ken Jacobs asked the amount of Title I funding? Mrs. Penaloza shared \$195,000 plus ELO portion- about another \$30,000 and that can only go towards tutoring and leading FSA prep camps leading up to testing. Once teachers get back and teams are back together, we can see what that will look like. From there, there is another \$20,000 that they said but they can't commit to and that goes more towards the professional development for teachers. We are being conservative so for now we just committed to work with the \$225,000.

Academic Report: Patricia Robinet

Only 8% were in the lowest quartile. This is a good thing and put us in 2nd out of 34 schools.

Civics: 72% achieved proficiency which ranks us 8th out of 23 schools. We also looked at other charter schools.

5th grade science: 51% showed proficiency- we were ranked 14th out of 36 schools!

8th grade science: 61% showed proficiency- we ranked 3rd out of 23 schools!

We believe part of the reason we improved was the teams spending more time together. We looked at what we spent too much time on, not enough time on, etc. During pre-planning last year we broke everything down together and had teachers observe what the weaknesses were and what we can attribute to that data. Some items were as simple as "this is at the end of the book and we might not get to it- so we need to change the placing of this to make sure we get to it." We started with data at the beginning of this past year and will do it again next year. We will look at individual kids and see what they needed.

With 8th grade science, we had other science teachers come in and go over standards from previous grade levels to help students see the importance of it. We were way over the district percentages. Have all the different grade level teachers in there helped students see that all the science teachers are behind them.

Algebra EOC proficiency- only 1 student didn't pass the Algebra EOC, all others did.

School Report - Mrs. Penaloza

Academic Achievement: There isn't much yet, but we can talk about the improvements we have done throughout the summer. In the cafeteria, the freezers are up and running and the oven will be soon. We signed a contract with a particular food company and it will not be costing us. It is a fairly comparable menu as to what we would get from another vendor. There is a permanent wall installed in 2nd grade, we have leveled the property and seeded it, the floors in all classrooms have been completed, so now we are working on the floors in the hallways. Someone comes after hours to do that. The alarm system is a new alarm system because it is less expensive (significantly). 100% of the painting is done and 95% of the wall protection is done. All the hallway doors are done with the fireproof paint. The A/C has been installed and the concretables are on an energy management system. We had someone come in and redo the walls in one of the concretables. If it holds up we will have someone come in and do the rest. On Monday, new teachers return and on Wednesday we have our forum.

Region Report: Mrs. McCarley

Imagine schools has complete Non-profit status. There is a press release that describes it. We are very excited about this non-profit status. Soon we will be able to apply for grants under Imagine schools non-profit status. The other change that has occurred in our region and in our group is that we had a long time finance person resign. Greg was promoted to Finance Director for the seven schools. Greg will be doing more traveling and support was needed. Fred Capaleski was the business manager a while back and he will be supporting in some capacity to help out Greg.

Hear the Audience:

Parent: sometimes for tutoring there were parents dropping off their kids super early. Is IKCA responsible for unsupervised children?

Mrs. Penaloza: Yes. If we see any children outside, we bring them in and have them call their parents and send them to care. We can have someone out there making rounds to be sure that no one is out there that shouldn't be.

Hear the Board:

Ken Jacobs asked Ms. Matthews if she can get a scope of what the board can do and is allowed to do so we have the set boundaries and everyone understands what the role of the board is.

Ms. Matthews agreed to provide a memo to clarify what we weigh there is for business members that are on the board to be part of what business in relation to our school.

Ken mentioned it is the board's responsibility to pick the CPA to audit the school and that the school should not be the one to pick the CPA.

Christina Barnhardt asked where we are with staffing. Mrs. Penalzoza responded that we are seeking 5 positions. We had some last minute resignations we did not foresee. One is a 7th grade math teacher, a middle school elective, a 4th position, 5th grade position, 6th grade ELA/social studies position. We would have to have our leadership team take over a classroom because they are the most qualified people. We have Ms. Cruz, someone who has done long term subbing, and have reached out to the district to see if we can utilize their subs as well. Our challenge has been teacher who are teaching in a different subject area and need to take their subject area exam. Ken Jacobs suggested we give incentives to pass the test.

Telisha Montgomery asked if IKCA could provide more information on participating as a board.

Next meeting scheduled for September 3rd 7 pm

Meeting was adjourned at ...8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Long