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Governance Board Meeting March 4, 2020 @ 5:15 p.m. in the Clump Room

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- I. Welcome
  - A. Call the Meeting to Order - Nicole called to order at 5:17 pm. Those in attendance were Nicole Cooksey, Suzanne Hoffman, Ryan Tichenor, Ronda Stone-Lakey, Teresa Lakowske, Jo Brinks, Chris Amundson, Dana Hoff, Dr. Van Deuren and Bob Sanders
  - B. Noticed the meeting to Evans Print & Media Group, WCOW Radio, Magnum Radio, the La Crosse Tribune, Sparta City Hall, and Sparta Free Library.
  - C. Adopt the Agenda - adopted as presented, motion by Ryan Tichenor, seconded by Ronda Stone-Lakey, passed 4-0
- II. Public Input - None
- III. Approve the Minutes from [2/5/20](#) motion to approve by Ronda Stone-Lakey, seconded by Ryan Tichenor, passed 4-0
- IV. Teachers' Report A lot of good things going on in STEM. Biomes Presentations done on Feb.28th. The next topic is Waves. A field trip to Dave's Guitar is planned to go along with this topic. Science Olympiad in Boyceville placed 7th out of 19th. State Science Olympiad at UW-Milwaukee on April 18th and 20 students will be participating. Parent / Teacher Conferences on March 10 & 11. State Testing end of March into early April. Additional field trips coming up are; Science Museum, Fort McCoy - Wildlife Adventure with Tim Wilder, Trempealeau Wildlife. PODS School made a visit on Feb. 20th - 3 teachers. They also use the ALEX software in which they had some questions which Jo was able to share her information. The students are learning how to create Podcasts.
- V. Financial Report - [budget report](#) - Reviewed - motion made to approve the budget by Ryan Tichenor, seconded by Ronda Stone-Lakey, passed 4-0
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Expansion Grant update - No new updates
- VII. New Business
  - A. Review [Strategic Plan](#) outcomes and determine next steps - reviewed graphs / diagrams put

together. The next step is to create an Advisory Board. How do we do this? What is the role of the advisory board? A suggestion was made to include the ELL teachers. Also Fort McCoy personnel. We will start with reaching out to possible candidates. The STEM teachers have a list of potential candidates which they will provide to board members and board members will contact the candidates (“Experts” Name Drop) and invite them to a meeting. What will be provided at the meeting? Provide data about the school i.e., enrollment, achievements, test scores in relation to peers, curriculum. Then ask the candidates if they have questions about the data? Ask them to define the soft skills needed in their particular work setting. Now, Say, Do.

- B. Review of [district calendar for next year](#) - discussed what Specials will be offered by grade level next year, new bussing schedule, and each Wednesday will be an early release for teacher prep and district wide information.
- C. Update with Dr. Van Deuren - update on the completion of Herrman Elementary - on schedule. On Monday, March 9 the Planning Committee Meets to do a walkthrough and review the progress. Working on the 5 Cornerstones -

#### VIII. Important Dates

- A. Next Governance Board Meeting                      April 1st @ 5:00 pm in the Clump Room

- IX. Adjournment - Ryan Tichenor made a motion to adjourn at 6:16 pm, seconded by Ronda Stone-Lakey, passed 4-0

#### **Mission:**

Innovations STEM Academy provides a teacher-led, inquiry/problem-based learning environment which maximizes individual learner potential and ensures that all students have the knowledge and skills to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### **Vision:**

To engage students in meaningful application of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics concepts.