



INNOVATIONS STEM ACADEMY

President- Jeremiah Erickson

Vice-President- Jason Melby

Secretary- Angie Martin

Treasurer- Mindy Hemmersbach

Governance Board Meeting Wednesday August 2, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.
in person ISA AClassroom

I. Welcome

A. Call the Meeting to Order **Jeremiah Erickson called meeting to order at 3:35 PM**

In attendance: Bob Sanders, Cherie Davenport, Angie Martin, Mindy Hemmersbach, Jeremiah Erickson, Jason Melby, Clay Kalember, Jo Brinks, Dana Hoff, Teresa Lakowske, Chris Amundson Azjja Kjos

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 **Motion to adopt agenda: Jason Melby 1st / Cherie Davenport 2nd- unanimous-motion carried.**

II. Public Input - **No public input**

III. Approve the [May 22, 2023 Meeting minutes](#) **Motion to approve the 5/22/23 meeting minutes: Mindy Hemmersbach 1st / Cherie Davenport 2nd - unanimous- motion carried.**

IV. Committee Reports

Policy and planning Committee [June 5th, 2023 Report](#) **Report reviewed with discussion on field trips and corresponding sponsorships to include Walzcrafft in La Crosse and Dynamic Recycling in Onalaska.**

Executive Committee [July 11, 2023 Report](#) **Report reviewed with discussion on recruitment of new board members. Angie Martin has connected with Sarah Fulton who works with Angie at Western Technical College. Sarah has interested in a future board position. This is Angie's last term and Sarah could help maintain the college connection. She is a Sparta resident and has no children so wouldn't add to the number of parent reps on the board. Angie will invite Sarah to attend a future meeting.**

V. Teachers' Report

- In accordance with Grant requirements, ISA teachers attended an equity and diversity training on 8/2/23.
- The ISA teachers will be coming together to work on curriculum updates on 8/17/2023.

- Bob Sanders and Jo Brinks reported on a shift in state funding for the expansion grant. Because of a change in federal funding rules, new paperwork was required. ISA staff is waiting on notification of what new paperwork is required.
- Five ISA students will be attending the annual Western Technical College Manufacturing Luncheon on October 18th. Decisions on what projects they will be showcasing are being made.
- An open house for ISA students will be held on 8/30/2023. ISAP parents provide support but governance board members are welcome to attend.

VI. Financial Report - [budget report](#) Bob Sanders reported out on the budget.

- Sparta School District notified Bob that there will be no additional funds from the district to the ISA budget. Even with an increase in dollars per student from the state, no schools in the district will be getting a funding increase because all state resources support additional staff benefit costs and staff pay increases.
- The budget was reviewed and no changes have been made since May. The only thing to note is that this week a \$50 check was received for the aluminum can recycling fundraiser and is pending to be added to the account. Next budget report will reflect this check.

Motion to adopt the financial report: Mindy Hemmersbach 1st / Clay Kalember 2nd- unanimous- motion carried.

VII. Old Business

- Enrollment Update: Current counts: 26 students in 6th grade. 27 students in 7th grade. 30 students in 8th grade. Total of 83. Students that were on wait lists were notified today that space was available for them in ISA. With these additions the total student count is at 89. All waitlists for all grades have been eliminated.
- Review of WCSP report that reviews performance metrics. Currently ISA has missed all four of their identified measures. Bob Sanders reviewed the data and the improvement plan for each metric. Report is due again in January and board to review at that time.
- Review of field trip t-shirts for 2023-24. Bob Sanders sent the list of contacts. It was determined that a deadline of August 31, 2023 is needed for employer partners commitment in order to be on the t-shirt. If an employer needs an invoice one can be provided. Bob Sanders will share template.

VIII. New Business

- A. Update on Fall 2023 opening plans - August 30th Open House / Sept. 1st first day of school for the district.
- B. Update Board [Contact Information](#) Reviewed with board and updates made as necessary.
- D. Approve updated Grant Budget Tabled until the Sparta School District provides updated information
- E. ISA Audit update Documentation was provided to support all grant related expenditures. Auditors review is in process.

VIII. Important Dates

- A. Next Governance Board Meeting Monday, Sep 25, 2023 at 5 PM.

IX. Adjournment Motion to adjourn Jason Melby 1st / Clay Kolember 2nd- unanimously approved- motion carried.

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 21st century.

Vision:

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