

## Imagine Classical Academy Indigo Ranch

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Where students are classically trained, culturally literate, and globally prepared.

### Board Meeting –May 13, 2019 - Room 209

The mission of the Imagine Classical Academy at Indigo Ranch is to positively shape the hearts and minds of our students by providing them with an academically rigorous and content rich curriculum, a learning environment of high expectations for student achievement in which character is modeled and promoted within a collaborative community based on trusting relationships.

The Board shall use the Mission, the Motto and the Six Measures of Excellence (Shared Values, Parent Choice, Academic Growth, Character Education, Economic Sustainability, and School Development) as the filter for all decision making.

1. Call to Order (6:00pm) –
2. Roll Call (6:01pm) – Chris Dempsey, Brandon Henry & Stephan Teague, also present: Scott Hunter, Dan Speer, & Valerie Obrien. Not in attendance: Jen Reishus and Michael Phillipich
3. Pledge of Allegiance (6:01pm) -
4. Mission Statement (6:01pm) – Chris Dempsey read the mission statement
5. Approval of Board Agenda (6:02pm) – Brandon Henry motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Stephen Teague seconded the motion. Chris Dempsey requested to add item 14B School Safety Plan to the agenda and noted that there is no need for an executive session at this meeting. Brandon motioned to approve the agenda with the changes presented. Stephen seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0
6. Approval of May 8, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes (6:03pm) - Brandon motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Stephen seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0
7. Comments from the Public (6:03pm) - None
8. Character Council Update (6:03pm) - None
9. SAC Update (6:03pm) – We found out recently that we have approx. \$62K available in MLO funds. We are working with Gabe Cardenas to submit a request for the funds using expenses we have already had this year that would fall into the appropriate categories. The last MLO committee meeting with the district is Tuesday evening so we are hoping to gain approval and submit the backup for reimbursement quickly. If the request is not approved the funding will carry over to next school year.
10. PTO Update (6:04pm) – Elizabeth Roth presented the proposed 2019-2020 PTO calendar, which includes event such as back to school night, book fair, skate city, trunk or treat, restaurant nights, breakfast with Santa, holiday shop, a winter carnival, annual fun run, daddy & daughter dance, mother & son event, bingo, CMAS breakfast event and the annual end of the year ice cream social. Brandon suggested trying to rotate the skate city nights so they do not always fall on Tuesday nights, which is when the boy scouts meetings occur.
11. Board Dashboard/Principal Report (6:11pm) – Scott reported that we have finished our CMAS testing and were around 97% participation. Dibels testing is now complete and the district administrator said our scores are high. STAR scores are in and are good though not as high as we hoped in some of the higher grades, though it is pretty typical of previous years. Primary focus is writing, and STAR scores are multiple choice. We are hoping to see CMAS jump and we don't think STAR is a good predictor of progress because it does not include writing. Have just completed K-4 writing data, Gracee has been helping coordinate that data. Teachers are working on setting the kids up for authentic writing experiences. This will be the first year we will have data on writing from fall to spring on a variety of different writing elements. Just completed our annual musical performance, 2 casts and there were 7 actual performances. Musical performances last week in the evening for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Today we had a band concert in the courtyard. Our

new music teacher brought 9 musicians and tried to convince 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to join the band. They performed 6 songs and talked about the instruments. Our band has shrunk quite a bit over the years and we are hoping to build it back up. Marcia updated on enrollment, as of today 687 currently enrolled k-8, 534 are returning. We have 773 enrolled at the district. 814 have accepted spots and still a few more that need to enroll at the district. The 5 kinder classrooms are all filled to 24 with several more spots offered. Everyone on the waitlist has been offered spots at this point. Very small amount that are pulling due to the move of the school, most are moving out of town or out of state. Marcia estimated 5-10 pulling because of the move.

12. Treasurer/Business Manager Report on Trend (6:24pm) – Valerie reported that we are currently looking at an estimated loss of \$120K. We received a wire from the district today for the ELPA grant which was \$24K.

13. Imagine Schools Inc. Regional Report (6:24pm) – No update, no Imagine representative attended the meeting.

14. Discussion Items

- a. Marketing (6:25pm) – Brandon updated that we have an advertisement in The New Falcon Herald through October. Chris will ask at the OAC meeting tomorrow about posting the banners that we have supplied. We are considering joining the Black Forest Harvest Festival on June 8<sup>th</sup>. There are 7 booths left. July 9<sup>th</sup> there is a rodeo parade downtown that we could attend to get some excitement. There is a Black Forest Festival on August 10<sup>th</sup> that we could attend as well. We will be including our information in the Vista Ridge sports program again. Gracee is helping with the relocation guide for this fall. Also the What If Festival will be in September. There are also some opportunities for farmers markets throughout the summer. During the summer we will want to continue Facebook communications, highlighting things that each grade level does throughout the year. We are looking to merge the two Facebook pages during the summer. Will have a volunteer database to track volunteering on the app, and teachers can request help etc. Brandon would like to launch the GPA app at back to school night. There will be a link to the spirit store on the app. The first family car magnets will be distributed at back to school night. Probably need 800 to 1000 of them. Considering GPA postcards for student birthdays. There is a dashboard for the website that Brandon will update each month. FB page has reached 18K people in the last 5 months. FB ads, have spent \$60 but got 6K views, with 316 actions or likes. Our website has been seen 10K times. Brandon will update the dashboard for the website and app monthly. Should get some videos of the staff and leadership selling GPA, why this school is your choice for your family. Can get some footage at the concrete signing and teacher hard hat tours. Would like to drip content out.
- b. School Safety Plan (6:41pm) – Stephan Teague asked about the school safety plan last week after the shooting in Denver. He met with Dave Pratt to better understand the policy and procedures. Dave Glenn attended the meeting as well. They are still trying to decide if Dave Glenn will be representing our school next year or not. Need to look at security cameras/system at the new school, as well as security for events. D49 suggested we have security present for the Trunk or Treat event at a minimum. Gabe mentioned that D49 Security is piloting the new Blue Point Alert System at Sand Creek High School. He wondered if we will be offering that at the new school since it would probably be easier to add it now during construction versus adding it after the fact. Stephan is going to talk with Dave Pratt about that as an option.

15. Action Items (6:50pm) - None

16. Board Member Communication (6:50pm) – Chris suggested we remind families about the concrete signing on Wednesday again to get some attention.

17. Other Business (6:51pm) – Gabe mentioned that he was thinking about ways to raffle prizes on count day and suggested offering a “Grazing Life” funded dinner at a farm with high end chefs, hayrides and staff to attend with winners. Elizabeth Roth asked if we are going to continue our partnership with Champions. Valerie confirmed that we have agreed to continue with Champions for the 2019-2020 school year but are open to considering other options in the future.

18. Adjournment (6:55pm)

### **PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS:**

*Board meetings are generally a time for the Board to hear from the Principal, other senior administration representatives, and those who are scheduled to make presentations on selected topics. Colorado law prohibits the Board from discussing public business other than during public meetings or executive sessions (see below). Therefore, these public sessions are working sessions of the Board that are intended to provide interaction between Board members and administration in an effort to reach decisions on a wide variety of issues. With rare exception, these meetings are not the best place for initial discussion to take place. New initiatives or proposals should typically be discussed first with administration and a formal proposal prepared for presentation at a time when the item can be scheduled on the agenda. Nevertheless, there are times when the Board is discussing a proposal that certain individuals attending the meeting can provide valuable insight, expertise and perspective to assist the Board in making wise and well-informed decisions. Generally, those involved in bringing forth an idea, and those most active in the process of researching and presenting a proposal, will be the ones most likely to be called upon for input during the Board's discussion. In addition, senior administration officials and representatives from other active task forces will be relied upon for their perspective concerning a particular proposal and the impact it will have on various constituencies.*

### **OPEN FORUM/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

*All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. The Board welcomes and appreciates comments on school operations and programs within the school. Open forum time shall be scheduled during board meetings, except at work sessions, for brief comments and questions from the public. A sign-up sheet will be available for individuals at the beginning of the school board meeting. The Board shall limit the length of public participation to thirty minutes and a time limit for individual speakers of three minutes.*

*Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the Board must notify the Board Secretary fourteen days prior to the Board meeting date and receive approval from the Board president.*

*During open forum, comments and questions at a regular meeting may deal with any topic related to the Board's conduct of the schools. Comments at special meetings are limited to topics on the agenda.*

*Speakers are asked to make comments in a respectful and orderly manner. Personal complaints against any individuals connected with the school system are prohibited. Open meeting forum is not a time to discuss students, staff, or parents by name.*

*The Board president shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, maintaining proper order and adherence to time limits. Follow-up action items may be assigned to the appropriate personnel depending on the nature of the comments. The Board may or may not choose to address comments or questions during this time. Members of the public will not be recognized by the president during Board meetings except as noted in this policy.*

*In addition to public participation time during Board meetings, the Board is committed to engaging members of the community on an ongoing basis regarding community values about education. The public may contact the Board of Directors by phone, letter or via email through the school website at any time.*

### **OTHER VENUES FOR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS:**

*New ideas and suggestions are often best handled by contacting the administration. In addition, there are a number of other venues where interested individuals are encouraged to bring forth ideas and suggestions. These include, but are not limited to, Student Character Council; Parents Teachers Organizations (PTOs), Town Hall Meetings, Principal's Coffees, regularly scheduled parent meetings, and various Task Forces. Proposals which are brought forth through groups such as these, in close cooperation with the administration, are typically organized in a manner that make them easier for the Board to properly consider them and make well-informed decisions.*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

*While the law requires that most Board meetings be open to the public, the Board may meet in a private, "executive" session to consider the following types of matters: (i) purchase or sale of real estate; (ii) conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice; (iii) matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state laws or regulations; (iv) specialized details of security arrangements or investigations; (v) determination of positions relative to contract negotiations; (vi) personnel matters; (vii) consideration of documents protected by the Open Records Act; and (viii) discussion of most individual student matters.*