

Imagine Classical Academy

Board Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017



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Special Meeting at 7:15pm

Location by Phone # (563) 999-1124 Access Code: 992337

- I. Call to Order at 7:15 pm

- II. Roll Call 7:15 pm Present: Phillipich, Bahnemann, Dempsey, Riggs
Also Present: Fowler, Box, Lange

- III. Mission Statement – 7:16 pm Read by Chris Dempsey

- IV. Approval of Board Meeting Agenda 7:16 pm – Chris Dempsey moved to approve the agenda as presented, Markus Bahnemann seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- V. Comments from the public -7:16 pm - None

- VI. Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2017 - 7:16 pm Chris Dempsey moved to approve the minutes as presented, Markus Bahnemann seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- VII. Discussion Items
 - a. APR Process - 7:17 pm The board discussed the letter shared by another charter school expressing concern about the D49 accreditation recommendation. It became clear that there is a difference between concern about the D49 APR process and the Foothills accreditation tool also being used. The letter shared seems to refer to the Foothills tool, while the Imagine Classical Academy board is concerned about the APR and is just now learning about the Foothills tool. The ICAIR board is not prepared to add a signature for our school to the letter as we do not have enough information. The letter is intended to be presented to the D49 board meeting on Oct 12.

VIII. Action Items

These are items that are for Board Approval by vote, which may require Board discussion.

- a. Comments for Annual Performance Review 7:57 pm Mike Phillipich moved to approve the comments as presented, Markus Bahnemann seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- IX. Other Business – 7:58 pm Mike Phillipich asked to add a board visit day to the discussion items for the next board meeting. Board members also discussed creating a board newcomer checklist, this will be added to the next board work session, at a future date to be determined.
- X. Adjournment at 8:09 by Board President Mike Riggs.

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:

During each meeting, the Board sets aside a period of time when anyone who wishes to do so may make a brief statement or mini-presentation to the Board on a non-agenda item. The Board will take these comments and suggestions under consideration, but will typically not have adequate time in the schedule or enough information to be able to make a decision or respond during the meeting. The Board may choose to refer such items to the administration for research and the possible future preparation of a recommended course of action to be considered at a later meeting. Open meeting forum is not a time to discuss students, staff, or parents by name.

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.