

Integration Charter Schools

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes

May 24, 2018 @ 6:00PM

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| Trustees Present | Richard Fragiaco, Deborah Miller, Nelly Tournaki, Jill Patel, Joseph Carroll, Sheldon Blackman, Martin Krongold, Bonnie Fritz, Tom Scarangelo, Robin Lefkowitz |
| Trustees Absent | Jonathan Lipschitz, Lily McNair, David Lehr, Doris Schueler, Dirk Tillotson |
| Staff Present | Kenneth Byalin, Diane DiSalvo, Vickie Fossella, Kara Cruz, Lori Fiacco, Carol Halfide-Torres, Nadine Somma, Priscilla Chen, Chris Zilinski, Michele Ciechalski |
| Parents Present | None |
| Others Present | None |
| Adoption of Agenda | <p>Deborah Miller advised that the Resolution of combining the Education and Accountability committee be postponed and only a discussion be held today and all suggestions be shared with the absentee Board members.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jill Patel seconded by Richard Fragiaco and unanimously approved to accept the amended agenda for the May 24, 2018 meeting date.</p> |
| Approval of Minutes | <p>A motion was made by Tom Scarangelo seconded by Richard Fragiaco and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the April 26, 2018 meeting.</p> |
| Presentation | <p>The Counseling Department headed by Diane DiSalvo, introduced themselves and presented success stories in the grades they work with. After hearing the presentation, Sheldon Blackman asked how the Board goes about giving the counselors additional clinical outside supports. A motion was made by Jill Patel, seconded by Richard Fragiaco and unanimously approved to appoint a task force and that Sheldon Blackman chair the task force. Nelly Tournaki suggested that we ask all Board Members for input and invite them to serve on the task force.</p> <p>In a discussion regarding the Education and Accountability Committees, Lavelle Prep Principal, Christopher Zilinski, mentioned a dashboard that is in the development stage which will combine all the schools in terms of academics, grades, etc.</p> |

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| | <p>Bonnie Fritz questioned how we would speak about all the schools in a one-hour meeting. Nelly Tournaki advised that she thinks that the in-depth discussions at these meeting are important, however having the staff present three times is unnecessary and time consuming. Sheldon Blackman suggested that a Committee member be assigned to each school. Deborah Miller stated that the Education and Accountability committee is very important and that the Lavelle Prep committee is very good and is what is needed for the other two schools. Bonnie Fritz suggested that the dashboard be created for all schools and then one of the principals could present the information and then if there were any issues, a subcommittee could be formed. Deborah Miller advised that these suggestions be shared with the Board members that are not present and then a decision can be made.</p> <p>Deborah Miller advised that there was a discussion on term limits for officers. Sheldon Blackman suggested that you shouldn't go past two years. Robin Lefkowitz advised that this should be a matter of the Governance and Nominating Committee. A motion was made by Tom Scarangelo, seconded by Richard Fragiaco and unanimously approved by all to send this matter to the Governance and Nominating Committee to discuss and make a proposal on term limits.</p> |
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| <p>Committee Meetings/Reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance & Audit Report: Jill Patel presented the ICS 2018-2019 proposed budget. The Nicotra budget is tight, but the other schools anticipate a surplus. The budget includes capital payments scheduled for the build-out of Corporate Commons 3. A motion was made by Tom Scarangelo, seconded by Richard Fragiaco and unanimously approved by all to approve the 2018-2019 budget. • Executive Report Kenneth Byalin advised that on charter number four (Richmond Prep), the public hearing went very well. State Ed suggested two changes to the proposed charter, to take out the sentence, “if we don’t achieve the student mix objective... we would apply for a tiered lottery” and the sentence that “the enrollment goal is approximately 2 to 1 ratio of general education to Special Ed students”. Kenneth Byalin advised he doesn’t think this would be a barrier in getting the approval for the charter. He advised material changes are more involved and it is harder for approval from the Board of Regents. A motion was made by Tom Scarangelo, seconded by Richard Fragiaco to approve the executive report and unanimously approved by all. • Governance and Nominating Committee: Robin Lefkowitz reported that the committee met and spoke about the gala. Robin Lefkowitz asked if all the members in attendance were going and all advised yes. Robin Lefkowitz spoke about the |

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| | <p>Guarasci event and challenges in the thought processes of educators and non-educators. She also discussed the possibility of advising Board Member what their position entails. She advised there was also a discussion on term limits.</p> <p>A motion was made by Richard Frangiaco, seconded by Bonnie Fritz and unanimously approved by all to approve the Governance and Nominating Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lavelle Prep Education and Accountability Committee: Nelly Tournaki reported that the committee reviewed student's data and advised things are going well. A motion was made by Richard Frangiaco, seconded by Bonnie Fritz and unanimously approved by all to approve the Lavelle Prep Education and Accountability Report. • New Ventures Education and Accountability Committee: No Report. • Development Task Force Jill Patel advised that the task force is continuing to meet. • Research Task Force Sheldon Blackman reported that the task force will make a presentation to the Lavelle Prep faculty on the relationship between executive functioning and grades. |
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| <p>Adjournment</p> | <p>The meeting adjourned @ 8:03PM. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2018.</p> |