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Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda  
Regular Board Meeting

**Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

**8485 Homestead Dr.**

**Zeeland, MI, 49464**

**Northwest Team Room & Virtually:** <https://icademyglobal.zoom.us/j/3950647095>

School Mission Statement: "By embracing innovation, we inspire our students to be global thinkers and leaders by positively impacting others at home and abroad."

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1. Call to Order: Nick deVries called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm
2. Attendance
  - a. Board Members: Nick deVries, Laurie Schmitt, Abbie Petroelje, Jeff Lukas, Doug Frifeldt
  - b. IES Staff: Bob Soulliere, Dave Zimmer, Kelli Gunn, Sara Vereeke
  - c. LSSU: John Chandler
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items: NONE
4. Consent Agenda: Nick deVries made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Doug Frifeldt seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Previous Minutes
    - i. 200326 Monthly Board Meeting
5. Celebrations of the School
  - a. Roundtable
    - i. Dave Zimmer: Kelli's effort to continue learning for kids and the entire team working hard to keep school going during the closure
    - ii. Abby Petroelje: Learning how to use Zoom in the last month. Continually impressed with teachers and their commitment to making things easier at home. Zoom meetings are awesome – website is so helpful. Amazing!



- iii. Jeff Lukas: Communication and learning activities during closure has been great. Son loves seeing classmates in Zoom. Hats off to the team!
- iv. Nick deVries: Website was awesome to see how quickly that was available and really well done. Parent meeting was great – everything has gone very smoothly. Teachers have made transition smooth
- v. Doug Frifeldt: Praise to Kelli for all she does – can't imagine the time and effort that she has put into the school. Thanks you!
- vi. Sara Vereeke: To the tech team
- vii. Kelli Gunn: So many thank yous – to the board for their impact, cell reps working tirelessly to create plan, Las Huellas team doing extra thinking to keep 2<sup>nd</sup> language learning going, paraprofessionals supporting in a TON of ways, tech team deploying devices. Tons of teams working together to implement the plan
- viii. Laurie Schmitt: Amazing feat with 24 hours notice to put together an emergency plan together that still manages to retain the feel of the school with nature based elements, relationships with families. Perfect example of living values and being nimble.
- ix. Jessenia Martinez: Student engagement has been so exciting. Collaboration with teams has been amazing. The transition to online is a huge transition and it has been very smooth.
- x. Bob Soulliere: Opportunity for growth and to try things that we would not otherwise be able to do.
- xi. John Chandler: Kelli and team did such a great job on their plan. The team did an excellent job composing the plan in such a way that was thorough and coherent with minimal changes

## 6. Strategic Thinking



- a. Y5-8<sup>th</sup> enrollment planning: Kelli Gunn shared the work that has been done to prepare for the additional Kindergarten section.
    - i. Staffing: The classic Kindergarten teacher has been hired internally. Actively talking with candidates for Immersion.
    - ii. Building: Working next week to finalize building planning for additional classrooms
    - iii. Supplies: gathering purchasing list
    - iv. Engaging families: Need to be in communication with families signed up to join us next year
  - b. Continuity of Learning plan for school closure: Kelli Gunn shared an overview of the Continuity of Learning (COL) Plan with the board. Kelli also shared an overview of the Parent Meeting with the board.
    - i. Focusing on essential standards for instruction for the remainder of the year
    - ii. Shared an overview of developmentally appropriate time to spend learning
    - iii. Engagement team: Developing team to connect with families who are not engaging with learning activities. Will be contacting families through the lens of supporting the family's basic needs, and supporting in this new learning environment
    - iv. Week at a Glance: Being published each week for all students with Fridays set aside for fun activities given by Specials Teachers (InnOURparks)
    - v. Website: Containing all resources for families in one spot
    - vi. Paper packets: 60-80 requests each week with approximately 20 not picked up each week. Contactless pickup each Tuesday for families
    - vii. The board complimented Kelli and the team on the great work on this plan and the excellent way it was rolled out to families.
7. Action Items
- a. Nick deVries made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #2 for 2019-20 school year. Seconded by Jeff Lukas. Passed unanimously.





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- b. Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday, May 5, 2020: The board discussed ways to thank Teachers
- 10. LSSU Comment: John Chandler complimented Kelli and the team for all her work on the CLP plan. He also complimented the board on a great virtual meeting.
- 11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: NONE
- 12. Adjournment: Nick deVries adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm
  - a. Next Regular Meeting: May 21, 2020

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