

International Charter School of Atlanta

Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

A meeting of the Governing Board (the “Board”) of The International Charter School of Atlanta (the “School”) was held on January 11, 2017 at 7:00PM at the School. The meeting began at 7:06PM.

The following members of the Board were present: Marisa Kashapov, Christen Ramo, Michael McConnell, and Tricia Marsh. Michele Neely and Makenzie Clement were absent.

The following members of the administration were present: Tanya Parker

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board:

VOTED:

To approve the draft minutes of the last Board meeting held on December 7, 2016 in the form previously circulated. The vote was motioned by Tricia, seconded by Mike, and unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

Isabella Filippone stated publicly that she feels that school starts too early in the year and should start later in August or September. Lilly Waller spoke and requested that any board members or staff members with new students enrolling please make her aware of their entering the enrollment process.

Administration Update:

Given by Tanya Parker: Student report cards were issued before winter break, and admissions for the 2017-2018 school year opened this week. State Climate Surveys (Student Health Survey, Georgia School Personnel Survey, and Georgia Parent Survey) are in progress. 14 student withdrawals first semester. Title II and Special Ed reports still pending approval/rejection. Title I has been approved. Financial Efficiency Star Rating is 3.5. School Administration and select teachers will attend IB training in February 2017 then create curriculum maps and unit plans on which staff will be trained. On staff development day, teachers received training from MetroRESA and school administrative team that included the topics of differentiation, IB, inquiry-based teaching, and learning centers. Teachers gave positive feedback about the trainings. Writing workshop scheduled for February 1. SCSC visit scheduled within the next 2 weeks. Administration has identified the PBL World 2017 workshop for the middle school GELS teacher to attend in California, June 20-22, 2017. The middle school assistant administrator search has begun with over 30 applicants, and over 50 applications have been

received from French teacher candidates. Also, Barbara has three promising candidates for the German program. Tanya proposes changes to the 2017-2018 calendar that involve moving spring break to the second week in April 2017. The board will vote on this change at the February meeting.

Stamp Testing:

The Board:

VOTED:

To approve STAMP Testing as a means for testing reading, writing, and oral language fluency for students in grades 2-5. Motion was made by Christen, seconded by Mike, and unanimously approved.

2017-2018 School Hours:

The Board:

VOTED:

To approve 2017-2018 school hours as follows: 7:40AM-2:20PM M, Tu, Th, F and 7:40AM-1:20PM W. Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Christen, and unanimously approved.

Tanya will send an update to the parents about these hour changes.

PTO Report:

No members of the PTO were present and no update was given.

Committee Reports:

- **Finance Committee Report:** Given by Kristi Davis with Acuity: Overall cash flow is good, and we have a surplus in net operating revenue above what we have budgeted. Deficit Plan criteria have been met.
- **Parent Relations Committee Report:** Given by Makenzie via email: We have approximately 300 new applicants to-date, and about half of our current students have already re-enrolled for next year.
- **Fundraising Committee Report:** Given by Michele via email: Received \$485 in year-end gifts toward the Fall Giving Campaign and matching gifts still coming in – She is working on all of the matching gift accounts. The Run the World with ICSAtlanta! 5K/fun run will be March 26th at 9:00 a.m. at Newtown Park. More details to come. We have a donor guaranteeing the cost of the run to ensure that the school is not financially liable. The business giving campaign to be coordinated with the 5k run -- giving donors the option to be run sponsors. Campaign to be announced soon. We have already received \$1,000 from Michele's orthodontist. Kids Boost, a nonprofit dedicated to helping kids support causes they care about, has offered to coach the student leadership team on raising money for the school (no

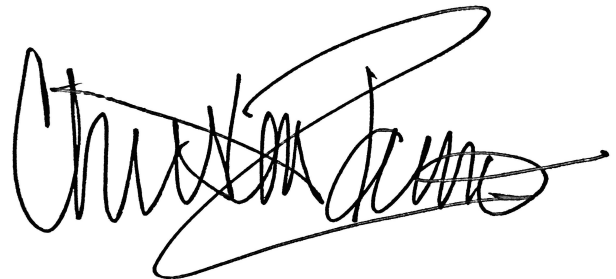
cost to us). Will talk to Laura Mason to see if this is feasible. Considering a "change drive."

- **Education Committee Report:** Given by Christen and Makenzie: Facilities planning is going well. IB application progress will begin soon.
- **Governance Committee Report:** Given by Michele via email: The policy manual is in process and is being reviewed and edited. The governing board will attend SCSC training February 7-8 in Macon. The board is currently seeking out new board members from the community, especially those with education, legal, and accounting experience

New Business:

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made by Marisa, seconded by Mike, and unanimously approved by the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christen Ramo, Board Secretary