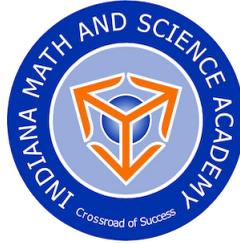


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IMSA Governing Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Saturday September 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location**Virtual Board Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Directors Present

B. Valentine-Watts (remote), C. Frazier (remote), D. Coats (remote), J. Sparks (remote), T. Miller (remote)

Directors Absent

D. Pierson, J. McFarland, L. Orcutt, M. Gonulalan

Ex-Officio Members Present

H. Dulgeroglu (remote), J. Brown (remote), K. Smith (remote), M. Arslan (remote), M. Atlihan (remote), O. Secen (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

H. Dulgeroglu (remote), J. Brown (remote), K. Smith (remote), M. Arslan (remote), M. Atlihan (remote), O. Secen (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Coats called a meeting of the board of directors of IMSA Governing Board to order on Saturday Sep 19, 2020 @ 10:05 AM.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

D. Adopt the Agenda

T. Miller made a motion to approve the agenda.

B. Valentine-Watts seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Miller	Aye
B. Valentine-Watts	Aye
M. Gonulalan	Absent
D. Pierson	Absent
J. Sparks	Aye
C. Frazier	Aye
D. Coats	Aye
L. Orcutt	Absent
J. McFarland	Absent

E. Public Input

D. Coats - Opened the floor for public input. No public input was given.

II. New Business

A. Discussion On The Next Steps Of The Re-Opening Phase

M. Atlihan - School started on August 17th, this has been our first 8 weeks. Count day was yesterday, both schools have exceeded our enrollment goals. Attendance is 90.3% for West and 91.1% for North. Student engagement is also counted in attendance.

T. Miller - Do you have a sense of age or grade breakdown?

O. Secen - IPS attendance is approximately 80%.

D. Coats - We have some lower grade teachers here that can maybe answer that.

J. Allen - For the most part most of the kids are attending, some have some connection problems.

Keondra Brown - about 17 of 22 students are attending daily.

O. Secen - I put up the North breakdown and KG seems to be the lowest.

M. Atlihan - GPA Report West average 2.24/2.86 and North average 1.79/2.67. Students get distracted and that does not help their learning.

B. Valentine-Watts - I am concerned about the GPA, what is planned to resolve this next quarter?

D. Coats - This will depend on what we do.

B. Valentine-Watts - That is fine, but I still think we need a plan.

- T. Miller - There is some good information in the chat and we need to do whatever can to support the families.
- O. Secen - We have not looked into this data, we were looking for comparable data, We will be doing this. The high school has switched to a totally different learning environment.
- B. Valentine-Watts - Karen what are your thoughts?
- K. Smith - The comments are spot on. We have not drilled down on this. We just did [arent teacher conferences. I am sure we discussed it with parents.
- D. Coats - You mentioned Parent-Teacher Conferences, how did we do them?
- M. Atlihan - We did them via Zoom. We also send progress reports prior to the conferences. We have also had the device distribution of the Chromebooks.
- B. Valentine-Watts - Are we getting feedback from the parents about technology challenges?
- M. Atlihan - The first two weeks were the roughest. Making sure they charged the Chromebooks was one of the issues.
- B. Garrett - Mr. Knox fields phone calls all day regarding technology questions.
- M. Atlihan - We are distributing meals, and several kids are picking them up.
- J. Sparks - It could be a good tool, reminding the kids to charge their computers.
- C. Lang - Shared a presentation from a middle school student.
- T. Tschaenn - One problem we have had is parent pulling their student from class to do things for them, instead of letting them finish their classes first.
- O. Secen - Presentation - At our staff meeting we talked about what other schools are doing, and how our plans would be structured. They will be based on how many kids choose to come to school in person.
- D. Coats - One of the main topics of why younger kids vs. older children.
- O. Secen - Transmission rate is higher than the younger kids and they have more needs. The full-time eLearning option is available to any student that wants it.
- We have recently started deep cleaning. Our main discussions have been around social distancing, the measurements are person to person, and staff to a student is 6 feet.
- M. Atlihan - At 3 feet it will be difficult to get them all in the rooms.
- O. Secen we are working on the measurements and need to take it back to the teachers. We are also getting fiber optic internet, West already has it but ours is being installed. Symptom checks will be done daily. Buses are a concern and we are working with the bus company. We have talked to the teachers and some are not comfortable having any students in the building. We are not making any changes to Fall Break, we also asked the staff how the academic model would work. There are no complaints about the rigor and we want to keep that for the next quarter.
- C. Frasier - If you are going to do the in-person or hybrid, are you doing the cohort model?
- O. Secen - With the hybrid model 50% of them will be at school and 50% will be at home. K-8 primarily stay with the same kids, the students will switch and we will have to clean in between. The high school is hard to do because they have different schedules.
- M. Atlihan - We have K-8 so the kids will stay in the same room.
- J. Sparks, with the hybrid model would we take the total number and divide by 2?
- O. Secen - Yes and we would like to split the buses in half as we would have only half the kids.
- Teachers - Several teachers shared their opinions, both in person and through letters to the board.
- D. Coats - I really appreciate all the information.
- C. Frazier - With respect to all the school is doing, is the school doing contact tracing?
- O. Secen - Anyone that was with 6ft of them and have shared with the teacher in the hallways. We have disinfected all the areas where they were.
- D. Coats - We have an obligation to report a person, do we have to do contact tracing?
- O. Secen - Yes
- D. Coats - Has that happened?
- O. Secen - Yes
- D. Coats - This is one of the most challenging situations. We have a lot of information to go through. We have committed to doing e-Learning through October 19th. If we make a change we need to make a decision by October 5, 2020. I propose that we take all the information and come back together before October 5, 2020.

- C. Frazier, B. Valentine-Watts, J. Sparks - All agree to the proposal.
- J. Sparks - I have been watching the chat and one of the things we are concerned about is the GPA and it may be the biggest. Also, socialization is an important part and it is not happening as well as public speaking. What are the other concerns with eLearning?
- O. Secen - One of our biggest concerns is losing students.
- M. Atlihan - Talking with teachers and parents the eLearning for younger kids may be a problem.
- T. Miller - I am a little unsure if two weeks is enough time to notify the parents. I am not as concerned about losing kids because our ADM was higher. I am concerned about our teachers and families. I would opt for us to stay in this environment until January 2021.
- C. Frazier - If we move to the Hybrid model are things in place for that or are there things that need to be done?
- O. Secen - Both models have challenges. This is an open conversation. The basic equipment should be ready by October 9, 2020.
- B. Valentine-Watts - There is a lot of information in the chat, can we capture it? I think we should not wait until October 5, 2020. This virus is deadly and some people are asymptomatic. I need time to process it. I am more concerned about their health than then leaving.
- D. Coats - By deferring today, it does not mean we will change. Two weeks may not be enough. I would like to hear what our parent's concerns are.
- C. Frazier - I move that we table the decision, to get parent info, whether in one or two weeks. " Table the decision to a date that is agreeable, to make the decision."
- B. Valentine-Watts - I agree
- D. Coats - That concludes the info for today. I hope you appreciate the transparency. Please know the best for our students, parents, and staff is what we want. I will work with Mr. aRslan and Mrs. Brown to set up another meeting.
- C. Frazier made a motion to to table the vote to 9-26-2020.
- B. Valentine-Watts seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Sparks	Aye
L. Orcutt	Absent
C. Frazier	Aye
M. Gonulalan	Absent
B. Valentine-Watts	Aye
T. Miller	Aye
D. Pierson	Absent
D. Coats	Aye
J. McFarland	Absent

III. Closing Items

A. Survey of Attendance For The Next Meeting - 10/17/2020

B. Adjourn Meeting

- B. Valentine-Watts made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- C. Frazier seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Sparks	Aye
M. Gonulalan	Absent
T. Miller	Aye
D. Coats	Aye
C. Frazier	Aye
D. Pierson	Absent
J. McFarland	Absent

L. Orcutt Absent

B. Valentine-Watts Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Brown