Board Meeting
Minutes

Monday, October 22, 2007
Closed Session—6:00 p.m.
Open Session—7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Session 6:00 P.M.
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll call
   ☑ Plasha Fielding Will (PFW) ☑ Paul Gaucher (PaG) ☑ Prashant Gupta (PrG)
   ☑ Chris Hasegawa (CH) ☑ Bobbie Infelise (BI) ☑ Robert Lee (RL)
   ☑ Sean Madden (SM) ☑ Grant Miles (GM) ☑ Alastair Rodd (AR)
   ☑ Joanne Storkan (JS) ☑ John Tilley (JT) ☑ Mike Whilden (MW)
   Administrators:
   ☑ Larry Cummins (LC) ☑ Lou Perske (LP)

2. Closed Session 6:05 P.M.
   In accordance with Government Code, Sections 54950 - 54962, the Board must disclose the items to be discussed in closed session. This may be done by referring to the closed session agenda items as they are listed on the closed session agenda or by number of letter on the agenda. After closed session, the Board shall report out actions taken in closed session as required by law, including members' vote and abstention. The Board will meet in closed session from 4:05 – 5:00 pm.
   A. Public Appointment:
      (1) ISM Board membership
   B. Public Employment
   C. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
      Property: 1720 Yosemite Street, Seaside
      Negotiating Parties: John Tilley/Paul Gaucher
      Under Negotiation: Terms and Conditions

3. Open Session 7:00 p.m.
   A. Call to order
   B. Roll call
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   Administrators:
   ☑ Larry Cummins (LC) ☑ Lou Perske (LP)
   C. Report of action taken in closed session
      Unanimously ratified contract for Richard Baker as part-time (20 hours per week) technology specialist.
   D. Hearings and petitions
      Notice: The public may make comments related to items within the Board's jurisdiction, which are not on the agenda. The Board may not respond except to ask clarifying questions. The length of comments may be limited to 3 minutes by the Chairman and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes... The public may make comments regarding items on the agenda at the time that item is considered by the Board
      Dee Dee Mininger and Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Xie expressed their concern about third grade teacher Mrs. Brown, and requested administrative support in reviewing the class to determine if the class needs assistance to insure the parents that the students are receiving the same academic level as the other third grade class. Parents are willing to share their support for the teacher, but want to know if mentoring is available for the teacher as a first year teacher. Parents need assistance in knowing how to best monitor the academic progress of their children as it relates to pacing the curriculum for third grade, so that they can assist their children at home. They request public information related to what is being covered as well as what does need to be covered.
      Mr. Perske asked for a description of the problems noted in the classroom. Mrs. Xie reviewed the times her observations of students who appeared to need more attention in math, while others demonstrated behaviors that interrupted the flow of the instruction. Mrs. Xie’s son was on a classroom behavior plan that has helped her son, but the behavior contract was discontinued due to time required for management of the contracts.

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Challey Catlin whose husband met with Mr. Cummins and Ms. Brown to help support the classroom teacher with the use of resources from MPUSD, available at King School. She also wanted to know if and when ISM students are identified as needing addition assessments to identify special needs. The classroom provides a cooperative learning environment that may require other alternatives for certain students. She requests information from the school.

E. Consent
   (1) Approval of minutes from August 20 and September 17 board meetings
      Corrected to note JT absent and to read minutes in title.
      Moved CH. Seconded PaG. Approved unanimously.

4. Possible Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter 7:35 p.m.

5. Open Session resumed 8:10 P.M.

F. Correspondence
   None

G. Action Items
   None

H. Information/Discussion Items
   (1) Head of School Report – Larry Cummins
      LC reported that the SEM program is continuing with success. Teachers provide SEM classes 3 times a year. LC reported on staff inservice, teacher evaluations, a school-wide report card, school vision, working with teachers on the strategic plan, IS exams, and the situation with parents. Current enrollment is at 358 with spaces to be filled within the next month.

   (2) Finance committee report – Grant Miles/Rob Lee
      RL reported that he has had no communication with GM. SM reported that GM wants to have another accountant on the Board, and then he will move finances forward. ISM received a $30,000 check from Chapman Foundation.

   (3) Development committee report – Paul/Gaucher/John Tilley/Plasha Will
      PG/JT reported that the Foundation has received $91,754 received, with more to come to bring total up to $145,469. Parents can pledge money to United Way and have some of it to go back to ISM. Another round of calls will be made this Sunday by the Foundation. 2006-07 had $266,795 received for the school. PaG wants to see all parents support the school. SM asked the date for the next Family Meeting will occur to do a push with parents to try and communicate with parents to review the State of the School, and to get the parents on board who feel out of the loop as it concerns needed resources for the school. Tuesday, Nov. 20th is targeted for the presentation of the information about a “mandatory” parent meeting, and parents will be notified as soon as possible. Dec. 7th will be an Open House for student performances and second push for money.

   (4) Strategic planning committee report – Sean Madden/Bobbie Infelise/Joanne Storkan
      SM reported that the committee had met and will have additional staff representation and more Hispanic parent representation for committee work on the plan. The committee does have excellent representation of individuals with expertise in Strategic Planning. Governance, Finance, and 2 sections for curriculum, one on teaching and the other student outcomes, are the target topics, as well as dialogues between groups at the next meeting. Members will review the feedback for the next meeting. Recommendations and target outcomes for WASC and CIS will be reviewed and addressed for the next meeting. No more than 25 priorities for the Strategic Plan will be the limit for target priorities. Not at a parent input point at this time. This Wednesday’s meeting is starting at 6:30. JT mentioned that the issues that stood out for him included diversity, long term teacher core, and solidifying the curriculum.

I. New Business
   None

6. Adjournment
   Moved PFW. Approved unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: November 19, 2007