Board Meeting
Minutes

ISM School Campus, Library
1720 Yosemite Street
Seaside, CA 93955

Monday, June 18, 2007
Closed Session—6:00 p.m.
Open Session—7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Session 6:05 P.M.
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll call
      ☑ Plasha Fielding Will (PFW) ☑ Paul Gaucher (PaG) ☑ Prashant Gupta (PrG)
      ☑ Chris Hasegawa (CH) 6:57pm ☑ Bobbie Infelise (BI) 6:23pm ☑ Sean Madden (SM)
      ☑ Grant Miles (GM) (by phone) ☑ Joanne Storkan (JS) 6:32pm ☑ John Tilley (JT)
      ☑ Mike Whilden (MW)

2. Closed Session 6:09 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
      (2) Board Policy manual
   B. Public Employment
   C. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
      Property: 1720 Yosemite Street, Seaside
      Negotiating Parties: Chrissie Jahn/John Tilley
      Under Negotiation: Terms and Conditions

3. Open Session 7:07 P.M.
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   B. Roll call
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      ☑ Mike Whilden (MW)
   C. Report of action taken in closed session
   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.
      Pam Willoughby (PW) shared concerns regarding her son Robert’s experience in Mr. Brandau’s class.
      (Details provided in a letter to Neli Volante with copies to all board members. Copies available upon request.) Feels that Mr. Brandau constantly berates children, and she and her husband are very concerned about this.
   E. Consent
      (1) Approval of minutes from May 25 board meeting
         Deferred to July meeting
   F. Correspondence
      (1) Acceptance of parent letter from Pamela and David Willoughby
   G. Action Items
      (1) Election of officers
         Motion to approve a slate of Prashant Gupta, Chair; Sean Madden, Vice Chair; Bobbie Infelise, Secretary; Grant Miles, Treasurer
         Moved MW. Seconded PaG. Approved unanimously.
   H. Information/Discussion Items

The mission of the International School of Monterey is to educate all children toward becoming conscientious, compassionate, and responsible citizens of the world.
(1) Director’s report by Neli Volante (NV) and Lisa Burns (LB) via emailed report (copy available by request)
NV clarified the events surrounding the Willoughby complaint noted in Correspondence Received, and their intent. PrG thanked NV and LB for stepping in to provide the reports during the leadership transition. JS commented on the outstanding graduation ceremony; CH asked LB to share the story of Ruby Sanchez that was shared at the ceremony; LB shared that Ruby took the lead in translating all of the paperwork to get herself here as a seventh grader and that she exemplifies our success in making a difference for students from families with limited means. LB reported on open slots for next academic year: one in grade 5; one in grade 6; and five in grade 8. JT asked LB if there is a staff exit form.
(a) General discussion on VP position deferral
(2) Finance committee report by GM
End of year projected balance will be positive at $110,000. We will have paid down debt from $312,000 to $150,000. By far our best year financially.
(3) Development committee report by PaG
Received $266,292 to date from Family Fair Share campaign. Another $23,516 pledged. 75 percent of families have contributed, with an average of $801 per student. PrG asked budgeted amount for Family Fair Share next year; PaG responded $270,000.
(4) Strategic planning committee report by SM
Updated status of strategic planning document. PrG suggested getting input from Richard Da Sylveira as new superintendent/principal.

I. New Business
None

4. Closed Session 8:27 P.M.
5. Adjournment 8:29 P.M.
Moved CH. Approved unanimously.
Next Regular Meeting: July 16, 2007