# INVENT LEARNING HUB

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 5:30PM to 7:00PM

Location: Zoom meeting

February 4, 2021-ILH Board Meeting.r

Meeting Item	Corresponding Indicator	Description
Board Members Present	The Board is comprised of all essential skillsets and all members are contributing  Core Question 3: Is the organization effective and well-run?  3.1. Does the board demonstrate strong governance oversight?	*Live streamed*  Board Members:  - Paul Smith – Present  - Natalie Huestis - Present  - Kierstin Janik - Present  - Paul Whitmore – Present  - Meghan Ruesch – Not present  - Amber Broughton - Present  - Kia Wells – Present  - Tyler Ewigleben - Present  - Zachary Alexander – Present  - Trevor Butler – Present  - Youngbok Hong – Present  - Cece Zhou – Present  11/12 board members = Quorum  Staff Members  - Aleicha Ostler, School Leader
Briefing and Discussion	Mission Moment  Core Question 4: Is the school providing the appropriate conditions for success?	Have not been able to do some of the special events that we usually would so trying to find ways to do something:  - School choice celebration (national day)  - Signs, activities, bracelets  - Spirit week (i.e. hat day)  About to kick off Black History Month curriculum

4.1. Does the school have a			
high-quality curriculum and			
supporting materials for each			
grade?			

- Moving away from typical teaching about people to events and true influential black history. It's American history and not just focus on things around slavery, but a lot about culture and events.
- K: Art
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Poetry/History of dance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>: Science
- $5^{th} 7^{th}$ : Moments in time

#### Virtual Kid's Dance Outreach

- Aleicha showed video of students doing KDO class

# **Executive Report**COVID Data

Core Question 4: Is the school providing the appropriate conditions for success?

4.7. Is the school climate responsive to the needs of students, staff, and families?

## COVID has impacted our time with students

- 945 hours in-person last year
- 742.5 hours we will be in-person this year (assuming we won't have to change to e-learning again.
- 203 more hours we had last year with kids (that doesn't include clubs)
- 29 more days of in-person instruction our students received last year than this year
- Average absent days increased with average days this year at 19
- 9 weeks more of instruction last year

#### COVID Update

- 15 positive cases
- 2 since shut down and not contracted at school
- Many times pre-cautionary measures around symptomatic people but often they are not COVID +

### **Executive Report**

Attendance

Core Question 1.0
Is the educational program a
success?

1.5 Is the school's attendance rate strong?

#### Attendance

- 83% attendance (includes e-learners getting on to class)
- For e-learners: Someone gets on, checks attendance and texts the parents if the student is not on. They usually get on after that.

# **Executive Report**

Enrollment

Core Question 2.0
Is the organization in sound fiscal health?

2.3. Does the organization demonstrate it has adequate financial management and systems?

# Enrollment

- Currently at 138 students going into 2<sup>nd</sup> count day
- Lost 20 students since first count day
- Still above budget
- Reasons for decrease
  - Limited on bussing (\$64k for another bus)
  - Return to prior schools once they opened
  - Shorter school day creating childcare options
  - Before and after care options have waitlists due to COVID
- Paul Smith: Expand on the cost of the bus cost (\$64k). Do we lease?
- Aleicha: We partner with Miller Transportation (they charge by

day). \$64k if we are running every day, not days we have to go to e-learning, etc. - Paul Smith: So we would need an extra 10 students? If we are going to make this a goal, we can't put all the \$ towards transportation. Maybe spend a little more time on the plan for what we need to hit for transportation. Aleicha: Will work with Brian on this **Executive Report** Aleicha showed video of Kindergarten teaching in-person and Live Teaching virtually Because Kindergarten is a tough one to do both we have an aid Core Question 4: Is the school providing the appropriate helping in the room conditions for success? Paul: Videos are a great way for us to see what's going on. Please 4.7. Is the school climate use more videos in the future. responsive to the needs of students, staff, and families? Tyler: How is teacher morale? Aleicha: Our teachers have had awesome attitudes. Some of them were worried, but we've worked through it as it's new technology and Kindergarten and the younger Trying to do little lunches and celebrations here and there. Do our SEL staff circle every Wednesday. Most stressful time of the year now as always is. I would say morale is good. Tyler: How is the state and mayors offices reacting to the reality and impact COVID has had on schools related to assessments? Aleicha: Only thing I know is we will not be held responsible for assessment numbers and schools just received more CARES Act money. I have not heard more than that. Yes, this impacted this year, but it will for many years. Do we beef up summer school or other programs to catch-up? **Executive Report** 3 teachers have had windows in their car busted. Safety 1 staff had catalytic converter stolen Plan to chain the gate Core Question 4: Is the school Talking to security company about putting providing the appropriate Got a safety grant which allowed for cameras in every hall, conditions for success? camera at office door and more exterior cameras Someone that used to work for IPS in safety is doing a 4.7. Is the school climate safety audit paid for by grant responsive to the needs of students, staff, and families? Paul Smith: Did we call the police on these safety issues? We need to because the police may take extra precautions. Aleicha: Yes Paul Smith: Let us know if this continues and if the board needs to help address.

Executive Report Recruitment  Core Question 2.0 Is the organization in sound fiscal health?  2.3. Does the organization demonstrate it has adequate financial management and systems?	<ul> <li>COVID did not allow for a lot of recruitment efforts, but are going to try to ramp up some efforts in February</li> <li>Will start door hangers when it warms up a little</li> <li>Social media push</li> <li>Cancelled Enrollhand</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Board Member Coffee Chats</li> <li>Year 2 Site Visit requirement by OEI – Will happen on March 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>Will be doing the Insight Survey again</li> <li>Kierstin: Expand on questions in survey</li> <li>Aleicha: How teachers feel about their compensation, development, etc. Can share data from last year, results were good.</li> <li>Zachary: Good call on Enrollhand – Noticed some things that were not effective</li> <li>Aleicha: Cece is going to come and do more photos for us to use</li> <li>Zachary: I can also help on a virtual board – Did it for Dove House</li> </ul>
Fundraising 101	Zachary Alexander presenting
Core Question 2.0 Is the organization in sound fiscal health?  2.3. Does the organization demonstrate it has adequate financial management and systems?	As board members obligation to support the fundraising of the school  - Board members are expected to give a personal gift - Should share with family and friends to support - Connecting Aleicha with your contacts who may have interest in volunteering — Don't want relationships to leave when a board member does  Myth-busting on fundraising  How to talk to others about ILH and engage them  Areas you can ask for support  How to ask others? Think about others style; 4 asking styles

Action Items	Core Question 3: Is the organization effective and well-run?  3.3. Does the school satisfactorily comply with all its governance obligations?	Youngbok: Ask around summer school and remediation time Board Members:  - Paul Smith – Y  - Natalie Huestis - Y  - Kierstin Janik - Y  - Paul Whitmore – Motion  - Amber Broughton - Y  - Kia Wells – Had to leave meeting  - Tyler Ewigleben - Y  - Zachary Alexander – Y  - Trevor Butler – Second  - Youngbok Hong – Y  - Cece Zhou – Had to leave meeting  Board Approved
Committees	Core Question 3: Is the organization effective and well-run? 3.1. Does the board demonstrate strong governance oversight?	Finance: No updates

Meeting end: 6:54PM