



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES - Special Meeting

Meeting of Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:30PM

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“Providing a strong educational foundation to all students who are in need of direction and support in learning English and finding their way in a new culture.”

Mission: Iftin Charter School provides students in grades TK-8 an academically rigorous, common core aligned curriculum, supplemented with a technology intensive program in a student centered, safe and caring learning environment. ICS addresses the needs of a diverse group of students, their families and communities by building on the strengths of the students’ cultural heritage and life experiences. ICS students are educated and enlightened to become successful, lifelong learners and valuable members of the global community.

Approval of Agenda: Faisal Ali

WELCOME GUESTS / CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM

Roll Call

Faisal Ali	President present
Rahmo Abdi	Secretary absent
Mulki Hersi	Treasurer preset
Joe Udall	Member present
Ibrahim Hassan	Member absent

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT— Anyone wishing to address the Board on agenda, non-agenda, and/or Closed Session items may do so. Individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Total public input on any one subject may be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, and may be extended at the discretion of the Board Chairperson. Comments on an agenda item may be taken when the agenda item is discussed by the Board. Comments on non-agenda items will be heard before the Consent Motion.

No Public Speakers

CONSENT ITEMS

- A) A) Approve meeting minutes of 12/18/20. B) Student Attendance Policies C) Cash Handling Policies D) Disbursement Policies E) Credit Card use policies F) Expenditure or Expending authority policy G) Tax Compliance reporting H) Curriculum/Instructional Material selection policies

A motion was made to approve the consent item on the agenda, as presented.

Motion Udall **Second** Hersi **Ayes** Udall Ali Hersi **Nays** N/A **Abstain** N/A **Absent** Hassan, Abdi



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Discussion Items

Joshua Eng: As of this period. The school is running a deficit of \$19,119. The fiscal year budget, suggest a deficit of (\$172,910). There is a positive Variance of (\$53,791).

The balance sheet as shows \$1.9M in Cash. The school owed \$223,770 in current liabilities to be paid out next month. The net asset is \$1,982.608

CEO report Mr. Yussuf:

Greetings everyone. I would like to share the quote of the month by Danny Thomas: “Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It is what you do for others.”

We really appreciate all that you are doing for this community.

You will hear from our professional and dedicated admin team the overall educational and instructional programs and future plans, our operations and reports we accomplished or working on. Our commitment to creating and maintaining safe, positive, inclusive and community-oriented school.

We hope to reopen the school in March this year, provided that the San Diego County gets out of the purple tier. We truly understand the challenges our families are facing and are hopeful that will reopen soon.

Yolande Charles:

We conducted our Q2 Awards for all classes virtually: 5 students from each class received an award for academics, attendance, core values or scholar award.

NCUST Equity and Excellence Audit: January 20-21

- Received great feedback:
 - Impressed with the implementation of PDs
 - Impressed with our middle school PLC

We are conducting Benchmark assessments the week of 2/9 starting with K-2. The Data committee will disaggregate the data for teachers.

According to the new guidelines we can open our campus for K-5 when the county has a case rate that is less than 25 per 100,000 for 5 consecutive days (current case rate is 34 per 100,000)

We are currently working with our union partners to bring students and teachers on-site. We are planning to hold summer school. We will use the benchmark data to determine who we invite for summer school.

Joe Udall: Awards assembly is my favorite time of the year to celebrate student growth. As you pointed out only 5 students are awarded, progress report cards are coming out, If I may encourage that we also recognize students earning 3.0 GPA or greater and attendance. These are recommendations to consider.



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Ali Hori: Greetings to all of you. As a leadership team we are committed to the safety and well-being of all stakeholders. Our responsibility to follow both state and county guidelines. Screening visitors, and providing the necessary materials to ensure regulations are practiced.

Our dedicated staff work tirelessly in order to support our students and families. The critical role of parents is to take huge responsibility in their child's education. Iftin admin team held a productive meeting for our parents.

Abdi Mohamud: Greeting everyone. I would like to share some new updates. We submitted our SARC report on February 1st. The purpose of the report card is to provide parents and community with important information about the school. This report is updated annually.

We submitted our Charter School Annual report to San Diego County Office of Education on January 29th.

I am very excited to share our partnership with Family Health Center of San Diego. We are neighbors and they are supporting us. They accepted our students to conduct hearing and vision screenings for grades K,2,5 and 8th. As you know poor vision and hearing in children can interfere with the ability to learn properly. Early detection of vision and hearing loss can provide the opportunity to correct the problem earlier and with less interference to learning.

We are currently working to transitioning away from SDUSD network systems. We filed an E-rate application and are finalizing the RFP for Category 2 equipment services. The estimated discount is 90% for Iftin Charter. We are planning tentative dates for Walk-thoughts for vendor bidding. Funds will be available in October 2021.

Lastly, I would like to share the need to install artificial turf on the playground to reduce traumatic injuries during athletic activities. Students are running, jumping, and falling. Turf on playground will reduce injuries significantly. Thank you and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Mulki Hersi: Thank you all. I would like to as the status of the Prop Z funds for Iftin Charter to renovate the facility.

Maslah Yussuf: We are currently working with the Facility committee and the San Diego Unified School Board in hopes to release Prop Z funds to renovate our school. We are very hopeful.

Mulki Hersi: The reason for my question is, if it's possible to continue the Prop Z renovation project, we may hold the turf installations.

Faisal Ali: Thank you very much team. Obviously 2020 was a very challenging year. As we move to 2021, we will learn new things. Despite the challenges, you were able to find opportunities to succeed with our students. As a famous quote by Booker T. Washington reads: "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome." You have truly shown flexibility, resilience and teamwork.

I look forward to the NCUST audit results and benchmark testing.

Thank you all.



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Action Items

A) Community Enhancement Program Grant application

A motion was made to approve Community Enhancement Program Grant application, as presented.

Motion Hersi **Second** Udall **Ayes** Hersi Ali Udall **Nays** N/A **Abstain** N/A **Absent** Abdi Hassan

Report to Open Session

Reportable Action: None

Advance Planning

The next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting is to be held **on March 5, 2021** at 5:30PM.

Adjournment 7:22 pm

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