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July 26, 2023, at 4:00 PM – Monthly Board Meeting

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Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order: 4:01 pm

Director, Olga Moucoulis, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1.A. Roll Call

Board Members Present

- Shannon Allen- Board of Director
- Juan Jasso-Board of Director
- Leroy Vidales- Board of Director
- Olga Moucoulis-Board Chair

ISCP Staff Present

- Dr. Henrietta Munoz, CEO, Institute for School & Community Partnerships
- Dr. Michelle Janysek, Deputy Director, Institute for School & Community Partnerships
- Betty Villegas, Administrative Associate, Institute for School & Community Partnerships
- Mark Larson, Early Matters

1.B. **Pledge of Allegiance to US and Texas Flag:** Board Chair, Olga Moucoulis, lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas Flags.

1.C. **Moment of Silence:** Board Chair, Olga Moucoulis, asked for a moment of silence.

2. **Communication from Citizens:** CEO, Henri Munoz, noted that there were no communications from citizens.

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report: Board Chair Moucoulis stated that Dr. Munoz would give her Chief Executive Officer's Report

- Dr. Munoz began by revisiting the ISCP Mission Statement
- Dr. Munoz noted that this was the first meeting of Academic Year which began on July 1.
- Dr. Munoz shared images and spoke of the 8th grade milestone ceremony held at Gus Garcia University School in June. She noted that this was the largest 8th grade class.
- Dr. Munoz discussed the Administrative Leadership Institute that began in May. The intent was to support the administrators at ISCP campuses. The Leadership Institute is different from the support that the district offers to their campus principals. Faculty from A&M-SA were leading administrators in focusing on real time results focused growth. Feedback from participants has been positive; they welcomed having the differing perspectives from interactions with administrative teams from multiple campuses and the university faculty.
- Dr. Munoz and Dr. Janysek provided an update on work to expand the Food Forest at WISE. Dr. Janysek noted that this effort was a collaboration with Gardopia Gardens and Ernst & Young. To celebrate the 100TH Anniversary of Ernst & Young, the company was planting 100 food-bearing trees. WISE was the recipient of 50 trees. These are in addition to the twenty that had previously been planted at WISE. Dr. Janysek shared that the event had been featured in a recent promotional video produced by Gardopia Gardens.
- Dr. Munoz provided an update on the summer SOAR (Supporting Our Amazing Readers) program at WISE. She reminded the Board that SOAR was created by Dr. Socorro Garcia-Alvarado three years ago when she was the Faculty-in-Residence at WISE. The purpose is to serve as a bridge program to assist rising 3rd grade students from Gardendale prepare to transition to WISE. Students received a backpack full of books to take home. ISCP would like to see this program may move to other school districts which have expressed interest.

3.A. Winston Intermediate School of Excellence Update HB3 Goals & Academic Year 3 Plan

- Dr. Munoz provided an update on WISE. She discussed the HB3 Goals & Academic Year 3 Plan.
- Dr. Munoz noted that the 2023 STAAR results had not yet been released; therefore, the updates were preliminary.
- Dr. Munoz highlighted the progress in Reading Proficiency. She also explained the use of MAP scores (BOY, MOY, and EOY) and STAAR assessment data.
- Dr. Munoz discussed our progress toward meeting the Enrollment and Retention goals. She also noted that this progress was a part of the district's evaluation of the ISCP's management of the schools and ISCP Organizational Soundness. Dr. Munoz stated that much like how she is evaluated based on the HB 3 goals, the Faculty in Residence will be evaluated, based on the AY Plan goals.
- Dr. Munoz stated that WISE had hired a new Assistant Principal from Uvalde ISD. She also noted that the campus was doing well regarding staffing for the new school year and was only seeking one bilingual teacher.

3.B. Gus Garcia University School Update HB3 Goals & Academic Year 4 Plan

- Dr. Munoz provided an update on the HB3 goals and larger AY plan for Gus Garcia University School. She noted that the document in the Board packet displayed the AY3 goals and results as well as the AY goals for AY4 for GUS as the 2023-2024 school year will be the 4th year that the ISCP has managed GUS.

3.C. **Burleson School for Innovation and Education- HB3 Goals & Academic Year 4 Plan.**

- Dr. Munoz provided an overview of the AY4 goals for the Burleson School for Innovation and Education. Noting that like GUS, Burleson was entering the 4th year of ISCP management.
- Dr. Munoz reminded the Board that a longer plan for Burleson was in their Board packet.
- Dr. Munoz noted that work was moving forward on Project SEARCH. She reminded the Board that we began working towards participation in Project SEARCH about two years prior. She reminded the Board that Project SEARCH is a national model in which students with differing abilities participate in a year-long employer embedded internship and job training program. She noted the challenges we have experienced is securing an employer partner but that we were now working with the State Disability Office to seek other potential employers.
- Dr. Munoz shared a photo of the Texas attendees at the Project SEARCH National Conference and noted that Dr. Janysek had attended the Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin over the summer. At the conference, Dr. Janysek completing the Planning and Implementation Training that is a requirement of participation in Project SEARCH. She also noted that we had finalized the contract with Project SEARCH for access to curriculum and materials and technical assistance.

3.D. **Early Matters San Antonio Update**

- Mark Larson, Director of Early Matters, made a presentation regarding the progress of Early Matters. He began by thanking the ISCP Board for providing a “home” from which the Early Matters staff could operate.
- Mr. Larson discussed the formation of the Early Matters Advisory Committee and the purpose for the committee’s formation.
- Mr. Larson noted that the recent legislative session had not been helpful for early childhood education. He provided an overview of the Early Matters Agenda of Support including specific bills and the intended outcomes of each. In particular, he highlighted HB 3621 and SB 1145 related to property tax relief for providers in TWC scholarship program. He discussed how this ties to the property tax relief item that will be on the ballot in November.
- Observations and Themes – Overall, Mr. Larson noted that there appeared to be minimal support from either political party. While they welcomed the idea of quality early childhood education, no bills to concisely support it moved forward. He did state that the business community state-wide has a vested interest in early childhood education and that Early Matters is well positioned to step in to work with business on these issues.
- Mr. Larson noted the strong advisory committee in San Antonio and their Pre-K Enrollment Campaign. The partner districts are Alamo Heights, East Central, Edgewood, Harlandale, Northside, San Antonio, South San Antonio, and Southwest. He noted the positive progress of this campaign, linked to the ReadyKidSA goal of increasing enrollment in Pre-K (3-4). As of early July, there were 1100 families connected to Pre-K from low income, military, English learners, or homeless families. This was up from 60 families this time last year.
- Mr. Larson noted the lack of quality, affordable programming. PreK4SA has a current waiting list of multiple thousands of children. Workforce Solutions Alamo has 3000 families on the subsidy waitlist.
- Mr. Larson shared the Return on Investment (ROI) conducted by the member districts. Dr. Jasso asked what was being taken from PreK4SA for the model. Mr. Larson clarified that building a model was not the purpose of Early Matters. Early Matters is the vehicle to operationalize and streamline. He provided the example of the development of the Educare Center at A&M-SA as a demonstration site for younger children.
- Mr. Larson provided a brief overview of the Early Matters Roadmap to Action. He discussed the Collective Impact/Collective Action approach and an overview of the current context of the early childhood education landscape in San Antonio.

3.E. Fund Development Update:

Dr. Janysek provided the Board with an update of recent fund development efforts.

- Dr. Janysek discussed the Full-Service Community Schools Grant (US Department of Education). She stated that we were partnering the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County to submit the grant. The proposal includes both Edgewood ISD and Harlandale ISD to support a total of six schools across 5 sites (2 adjacent Harlandale schools will share a site). If awarded, the grant provides up to \$3,000,000.00 a year for up to 5 years for a total of \$15,000,000.00. The proposal is due August 8th.
- Dr. Janysek provided an overview of the SB1882 proposal that was being developed in response to the Call for Quality Schools issued by Harlandale ISD. The school, Kingsborough Middle School, will be a new school/innovation campus. The campus is currently grades 6-8; it will be restarted as a 4-8 campus. The proposal is due August 18th.
- Dr. Janysek provided an overview of the SB1882 proposal that was being developed in response to the Call for Quality Schools issued by Manor ISD. The school, Manor Middle School, will be a turnaround school. The campus is currently grades 7-8; our proposal brings grade 6 back to the campus. The proposal is due September 11th.
- Dr. Janysek stated that we had submitted a small grant to the Mission Trail Rotary. The ISCP requested \$2000.00 for our FRESH program (Food, Resources & Education for Strength and Health). Funding would provide education for children and families. Classes would provide instruction on basic health and nutrition and choices for healthy eating and lifestyles.

4. Consent (All items may be acted upon at the same time by the School Board and have been discussed in prior Work Session)

Board Chair, Olga Moucoulis, asked for a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda as listed.

Board member, Leroy Vidales, moved to approve all items on the consent agenda as listed.

Board member, Shannon Allen, seconded the motion.

Board chair Moucoulis asked if there was any discussion. As there was none she called for a vote.

All were in favor; there were not any no votes.

Ms. Moucoulis stated that the motion passed.

4.A. Gus Garcia University School Annual Budget-Amended

4.B. Winston Intermediate School of Excellence Annual Budget-Amended

4.C. Burlson School for Innovation and Education Annual Budget-Amended

4.D. Strategic Planning MOU- Dr. Loyde

4.E. Lone Star Governance Recertification MOU- Dr. Loyde

4.F. Personnel Memo on Salary Adjustments for Faculty in Residence and New COO33a

7. Adjournment: 5:20 pm

Board Chair, Olga Moucoulis, asked for a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda as listed.

Board member, Dr. Juan Jasso, moved to adjourn.

Board member, Shannon Allen, seconded the motion.

Board chair Moucoulis asked if there was any discussion. As there was none she called for a vote.

All were in favor; there were not any no votes.

Ms. Moucoulis stated that the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.