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Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 30, 2022

March 30, 2022, at 3:30 PM – Monthly Board Meeting

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Agenda

1. **Call Meeting to Order: 3:30 p.m.**

Director Olga Moucoulis called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1.A. **Roll Call**

- **Shannon Allen-Board of Director**
- **Leroy Vidales-Board of Director**
- **Hugo Hernandez-Board of Director**
- **Olga Moucoulis-Board Chair**
- **Kathy Funk Baxter-Board Director**
- **Paola Gonzales-not present**
- **Henrietta Munoz- Executive, Director**
- **Betty Jean Villegas-Texas A&M**

Board Chair Moucoulis conducted the roll call; she noted that a quorum was present.

1.B. **Pledge of Allegiance to US and Texas Flag:**

Board Chair Moucoulis led the pledges to both the US and Texas Flags.

1.C. **Moment of Silence:**

Board Chair Moucoulis called for a moment of silence.

2. Communication from Citizens:

Board Chair Moucoulis asked ISCP Executive Director Munoz if there were any communications from citizens; there was no communication from citizens.

3. Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director, Henrietta Munoz, welcomed all present and provided an update to the Board of Directors. She began by restating the Mission of the ISCP and introduced all ISCP Faculty and staff members. She noted that one of the faculty members will be changing and would share some news on the transition.

- Update of current events, information, operations, and programs
- **Educator Summit-** Director Munoz told the Board that this summit would bring all the Educators involved in all three campuses together to understand what the university is working towards and how they contribute to that work. This year the plan includes bringing together the entire staff from Burleson, Gus Garcia and Winston for an all-day event and it will be held at the university. We have secured Chair Olga Moucoulis to attend and provide a welcome.
- **Community Work-** Director Munoz shared with the Board that in March we were able to participate with A&M-San Antonio Choose, Act, and Impact Day. This is a day students from the university were able to choose to participate in service activities at different places in our community. The options were Winston Intermediate School of Excellence, the San Antonio Food Bank, Texas A&M-San Antonio campus gardens, Morgan's Wonderland, or the Diaper Bank. Twenty-two student volunteers came to WISE. They built five metal benches, painted two classrooms, and decorated 15 bulletin boards.
- **Faculty in Residence-** Director Munoz informed the Board that Dr. Garcia-Alvarado has accepted a tenure track position at A&M-San Antonio. She noted that her position had been posted. We have other faculty on the campus doing work with the teachers at WISE and working directly with some of the coaches that are on the campus. She thanked Dr. Garcia for her time with the ISCP and her service.

3.A. Gus Garcia University School

Dr. Diana White joined via Zoom for Gus Garcia campus updates.

- **Map Testing-** Dr. White updated the board regarding Gus Garcia University School Map data and testing that occurred in October and again in February. She noted that there was a significant increase in sixth and seventh grade students meeting the satisfactory threshold and proficient and minimal movement on the advanced level. The eighth grade students also saw progress and the percentage of students meeting satisfactory levels improved. She noted loss at both efficient and advanced level. Please review recording and slide deck for more details on the data presented.
- **Reading Testing-** Dr. White noted that for reading level proficiency, the campus would probably have 70% of students make a measurable gain by the end of the year and that the Lexile levels from beginning to end the year from six weeks of instruction to 19 weeks of instruction would improve.
- **ELAR Teachers-** Dr. White noted specifically that Map offers detailed insight and sorts students based on Lexile Reading measures. Edgewood received some great Map Training, but we don't yet know if this has reached campus level for teachers to use this information to inform practice, intervention, and supports to encourage growth. ELAR teachers will continue to meet during Wednesday PLCs to receive PD on research-based strategies to specifically target student needs to increase student reading proficiency. The Instructional Coach intends to use the data from benchmark and MAP assessments to support teachers to create a reteach/intervention plan to target areas of need.

- **NIET Teacher**-Dr. White noted that NIET Stands for National Institute for Excellence in Teaching; we have about six teachers at GUS who are identified as such, and they have been working with exit tickets in our PLC on Wednesdays with us and our teachers. Describing photos on the slides: The School, Community and Culture (SCC) course that we always like to highlight, started by our A&M faculty and Mr. Gibson, continues to work with students and their community. Also, Mr. Medrano our resident testing expert with TELPAS is pictured on the slides, along with Ms. Kinard 6TH grade Science classes in their map labs.

3.B. Burleson School for Innovation and Education

No report

3.C. Winston Elementary/Winston Intermediate School of Excellence (WISE)

Director Munoz informed the Board that Principal Cantu and Assistant Principal Presley had a conflict on their schedule and would not be in attendance.

- **Art Club**- Director Munoz noted that a couple of pieces of student Art were sent to the D. Howard Foundation regional competition, and a WISE student had their artwork represented at “Texas Care of Texas” regional competition.
- **WISE Family Center**- Director Munoz noted the bare bulletin boards were decorated by volunteers during the Impact.Choose.Act event hosted by Texas A&M University San Antonio at the Family Wise Center.
- **Benchmarks** – Dr. Munoz noted the Benchmark Assessments for Reading 3rd, 4th, 5th, level approaches, meets, and masters. TEA does accountability, especially around STAR; the expectation is to attain meets and masters levels. The targets for the campus are: approaches 75%, meets 35% masters 17%. These scores would result in a letter grade of “C” at WISE.

3.D. CAST Network-

- **Exceptional Rodeo**- Director Munoz noted the mock rodeo for special needs students to give enriched opportunities to participate in the SA Stock Show and Rodeo, Ms. Riedel is a member of the committee for the event. Students were able to ride a “bull, buck a “bronc”, run the barrels, and rope steers. They received a hat, a rope, and a trophy. This year, students from WISE and CAST STEM were able to participate.
- **Social Media Exposure**- Director Munoz noted that to increase our social media exposure, a new Instagram account was created entitled tamusa_cast_interns. Recent photos of students from CAST STEM and CAST Lead have been posted and include a former A&M intern who is now a teacher at CAST Stem.
- **Project Based Learning**- Director Munoz noted that in partnership with CAST STEM, CAST Lead and A&M the schools are receiving feedback on project-based learning, studying, and teaching. Pictured on the slides are some photos of feedback sessions to the university on how to best support the work of the preservice teachers and the high school campuses.

3.E. SB1882 & Grant Proposal Updates

Director Munoz provided an overview of funding opportunities in progress or under consideration.

- **Charity Ball Association**- Director Munoz explained the application did progress to an interview/site visit we proposed \$36,000 for GUS SMArt Garden.

- **Truist Foundation-** Director Munoz discussed the Truist Foundation call for proposals and the ISCP intent to apply under the funding stream of Building Pathways to Economic Mobility. The intent is to secure funding to implement Project Search at Burleson. The proposal is due March 31 and the ISCP will request \$30,000.
- **Baptist Health Foundation-**Director Munoz informed the Board that the letter of intent was submitted for \$75,000. These funds would be used for fresh food resources and education for the children and their families to build strength and healthy lifestyles. This is a proposal on behalf of Winston Intermediate where we were recently able to receive the United Way, Toro, & ARA gifts to build out a beautiful garden and outdoor learning space.
- **NoVo Foundation SEL Grant-** Director Munoz stated this is a social emotional learning grant. This grant was written on behalf of Winston Intermediate; however, the campus had to apply directly as the ISCP was not an eligible applicant. A proposal for \$14,000 was submitted by Principal Cantu for Winston Intermediate. GUS was awarded that grant last year.
- **Department of Education Teacher Quality Partnership Program-** Director Munoz stated to the Board this grant was pulled as a potential grant by the State of Texas and department of Education, and therefore no longer a viable opportunity but something the ISCP had begun to work on.
- **Full Service Community Schools Grant-** Director Munoz stated to the Board this grant has not be released yet, we do anticipate the Department of Education will post soon.

4. Consent: (All items may be acted upon at the same time by the School Board)

Board Chair Moucoulis called for a motion to approve all the items on the consent agenda. The motion passed with no opposition.

- **Motion- 1st-** Director Vidales
- **Motion- 2nd-** Director Allen

4.A. [Audit Financial Statements](#), [Governance Letter](#)

5. Information Items:

5.A. [Monthly Financials](#)

6. Adjournment: Board Chair Moucoulis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

- **Motion- 1st-** Director Vidales
- **Motion- 2nd-** Director Funk-Baxter