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Institute For School and Community Partnerships
Regular Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
February 20, 2025

February 20, 2025, at 4:00 PM – Monthly Board Meeting

Members of the Public may participate, please RSVP to TheInstituteSA@tamusa.edu to receive the zoom link and passwords to join virtually or join us in person at **The Burleson School for Innovation and Education, 534 Cordelia St. Building #2, San Antonio, Texas 78237**. Additionally, all Board of Director meetings are recorded, and the recording is posted to our website to view later.

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Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order: 4:00pm

1.A. Roll Call

- Caroline Gonzalez, Board Member, present via zoom
- Dr. Juan Jasso, Board Member, Present
- Dr. Catherine O' Brien, Board Member, present via zoom
- Leroy Vidales, Board Member, Present

1.B. **Pledge of Allegiance to US and Texas Flag:** Leroy Vidales, Board Member, can we please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. **Moment of Silence:** Leroy Vidales, Board Member stated can we have a moment of silence

2. **Communication from Citizens:** Dr. Munoz stated there is no communications from citizens

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report:

- Update of current events, information, operations, and programs
- Dr. Henrietta Munoz started out with our Mission Statement for ISCP
- Dr. Munoz stated that we have been under an NDA for quite some time, and today I am announcing officially to our Board of Directors that we have been announced as the coordinating partner for the Toyota Foundation, Toyota USA works with East Central ISD point 1-million-dollar investment to East ISD
- Dr. Munoz, working on a new campus 2026-2027 New Schools Venture Grant
- Dr. Munoz wanted to look forward to our Burleson presenters and presentations

3.A. Presentation on The Burleson School for Innovation and Education/Project Search

- Ms. Benavidez, a presentation of the Burleson School for Innovation and Education in regarding the students in the program, Melina and Issac
- Joe Montalvo the instructor for Project Search at the Baptist Medical Center, shared the personal stories of two remarkable interns, Melina and Isaac. The program, which is part of the Burles School for Innovation and Education, has seen significant success in its first year, with one intern set to be hired by the Baptist Medical Center after the second rotation. Crystal, the employment specialist, also shared her experiences working with the interns, highlighting their growth and improvements in employability skills. Martha, Melina's mother, expressed her gratitude for the program, noting that it has helped Melina become more expressive and self-advocating. The program's success is attributed to the collaboration between various stakeholders, including the district and the hospital.
- Joe Montalvo shared a remarkable story about Isaac, the intern who is working with the food and nutrition department and handling floor stocking. Isaac participated in the Jt. Giving tree and the Soul team and was praised for his kind and thoughtful nature. He also acknowledged the hard work of the mentors, particularly Ms. Crystal, Ms. Huber, Ms. Bollen, and Ms. Olivia, who have been instrumental in preparing the interns for their roles. The meeting also covered community outreach efforts, partnerships with charter schools, and upcoming events such as Ferguson Market Days and the Special Olympics. Dr. Sonia Sanchez was set to present on the implementation of House Bill 1605.
- Ms. Benavidez presented the Burleson Calendar of Events

3.B. Presentation and update on House Bill 1605 Implementation

- Dr. Sonia Sanchez presented and discussed the role of the State Board of Education in identifying high-quality instructional materials, as mandated by House Bill 1605. She highlighted the importance of this bill in improving the quality and accessibility of instructional materials for students in Texas. Also outlined the timeline for the adoption of these materials, with the State Board approving materials in November and districts starting to review them in December. She emphasized the importance of collaboration with the district in identifying the best resources for their students. Also mentioned that the district has a structured process aligned with the State's process and that they are working closely with the district to ensure the best materials are chosen.

3.C. Policy Update by Early Matters San Antonio

- Mark Larson led a discussion on the policy recommendations and updates from Early Matters Texas. He explained the process of compiling and prioritizing policies based on their importance and political feasibility. He highlighted four key policy recommendations: supporting working parents through a pilot program, improving childcare data sharing among state agencies, enhancing quality pre-kindergarten programs, and adding pre-kindergarten to the Education Savings Account (ESA) program. He also mentioned the potential addition of military reservists and veterans to the pre-kindergarten program. She encouraged the board to ask questions and engage in advocacy efforts. Dr. O'Brien suggested creating a one-pager on key legislation for the community to follow, which Mark agreed to ask Wendy to prepare.

4. Closed Session (If needed) – Texas A&M San Antonio Institute School board will go into closed session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.071/551.074.

Time is 5:25pm Closed Session

4.A. Discussion on ISCP CEO Evaluation

5. Consent Agenda – Texas A&M San Antonio Institute School board reviewed and discussed any consent agenda items prior to any decision.

ALL Consent Agenda Items were Tabled for next meeting

5.A. Toyota USA Foundation Partnership Grant – School Transformation

- Toyota USA Foundation Driving Possibilities 5-year contract for \$2,222.295 over 5 years support STEM Education and School Turnaround of a partner district

5.B. Methodist Health Ministries – Early Matters SA Grant

5.C. Approval of ISCP CEO Evaluation

6. Information Items:

[Monthly Financial Report](#)

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm