



# Inquiry Charter School

## Inquiry Charter School Board of Directors Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	October 27, 2021
<b>Time:</b>	12:00 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Met virtually (Google Meets) Inquiry Charter School, 1301 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa 19104

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Inquiry Charter Board of Trustees took place in joint session with the Belmont Charter School Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

**Members of the Board in Attendance:** Michael Karp, Elizabeth Peate-Harvey, Lauren Katz, Devalina Guha-Roy, Steve Parico

**Absent Board Members:**

**Staff in Attendance:** Troy Hardy, , Jennifer Faustman, Claire Cohen, Beth Dyson, Theresa Doggett, Noelle Kellich, Ashley Fernandez and contract relationship: Robie Lawless of Charter Choices

Representatives from the Charter School Office attended to observe the meeting

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M. Karp called the meeting to order and began the meeting by calling for public comment. No public comment was made

**Chairman's remarks:** Mr Karp welcomed the Charter School Office representatives to the call to observe and recapped that we will expect a successful completion of our Charter Renewal in March of 2022.

### **Old Business**

**Resolution 1:** Board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, June 2021 and made a motion to approve. Motion made by L. Convey and seconded by L. Kaminsky. Motion passed unanimously.

**CEO Report:** J. Faustman provided an overview of the challenges facing the schools including staff shortages, coverage issues, transportation issues, the potential SEPTA strike and community gun violence. The bright spot is we are learning a lot and are working on creating opportunities to mitigate these challenges leading to a stronger ICS.

ICS enrollment is down slightly with a waitlist. Teams are working on enrolling students off the waitlist, systematically according to our policies.

The Truancy program run with CEA will be up and running by January 2022.

**COO report:** T. Doggett provided a health and safety update- successfully been open for 2 months. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health is now suggesting test-to-stay options for schools. ICS will be offering this option to keep students in schools and learning.

T. Doggett provided an update on ESSER funding which will focus on hiring more staff, using more strategies to help students learn.

BCS Board member L. Convey asked if there was any chance we would not receive the ESSER funding. T. Doggett replied that it was our allotment.

**Financial Report:** T. Hardy provided a summary from the finance committee that met prior to the meeting. The summary is the schools are demonstrating a positive Q1 financials. The audit will be ready on time.

### **Action Items:**

**Resolution 2:** To adopt the vaccine policy. Motion by E. Peate Havey, seconded by L. Rich. Motion passed unanimously

**Resolution 3:** To accept the Emergency Instructional Time Template. Motion by E. Peate Havey, seconded by L. Rich. Motion passed unanimously

**Resolution 4:** To request additional seats for an ICS Middle School from the CSO. Motion by E. Peate Havey, seconded by L. Rich. Motion passed unanimously

**Presentations:** A. Frenandez from ICS presented on the McKinney Vento site visit by the state. Feedback was that ICS met all expectations and is a model school. BCS will have their site visit in the coming months.

N. Kellich presented on career readiness and exploration in the K-12 model

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by L. Convey. Seconded by S. Parico.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12pm