

VISION FOR



INNOVATION ACADEMY

The Vision For Innovation Academy, Inc.

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2014 - 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Willis, President; Greg Orpen, Head of School; Peter Torkildsen, Member ; Susan Howard, Clerk **Members Absent:** Ann Cottle, Treasurer

2:55 p.m. – Linda Willis, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Board. The new school year is off to a great start with a growing student and faculty population.

3:00 p.m. – In Ann’s absence, Susan Howard presented the Treasurer’s Report from July 1, 2013-September 25, 2014 reflecting a net income of **\$661.17**. VIA will be submitting its form 990 as required later this fall. Major expenses this quarter were liability insurance for our nonprofit. The report reflected transfer of revenue from the past year to IACS in support of mission priorities. Motion to accept the Treasure Report as submitted by Ann Cottle and presented by Susan Howard was made by Peter Torkildsen; Seconded by Linda Willis; ***motion carried.***

3:10 p.m. – Linda Willis summarized our VIA presence at the *IACS Back To School Ice Cream Socials* held in August. Organization flyers were available to participants, and both Linda and Susan were present to answer questions about our organization, mission, and work to date. Linda will be following up with the Development Director at Middlesex Community College who is also a parent at our school and willing to assist our organization. VIA has compiled a list of corporate prospects and contacts located within our sending districts for future revenue/collaborative outreach.

3:30 p.m. – Unable to reach our scheduled phone conference guest, Greg Orpen provided an update to the committee on plans to work with Lees Stuntz from our IACS Board of Trustees to connect with Jay Forester to discuss potential development strategies and mutual opportunities in the area of Systems Thinking/Systems Dynamics (ST/SD). Ms. Stuntz is the Executive Director of the Creative Learning Exchange and a long time colleague and collaborator with Mr. Forrester. IACS may be in a position to work with Consultant, Jeff Potlach to identify and approach prospective ST/SD funders. The thought is to craft a letter to potential donors proposing IACS develop Fellowships to mentor and train educators in the area of classroom based ST/SD tools and strategies. Mr. Orpen also updated the board on a newly formed contract relationship with RJ Miller, a Grant Seeking Consultancy that will help the school identify and pursue new grant revenue streams that can collaborate through VIA on behalf of IACS.

3:36 p.m. – Susan Howard motioned to accept the March 17, 2014 minutes as presented; Seconded by Peter Torkildsen; ***motion carried.***

3:40 p.m. – Linda Willis suggested we continue to communicate via email and plan our next meeting as needed. Our VIA Annual Meeting will be held in March, 2015. Motion to adjourn by Susan Howard; Seconded by Greg Orpen; All in favor!, ***motion carried.***

Submitted, reviewed and accepted via email:

Susan G. Howard

Susan Howard, Clerk

Accepted: 9/29/14

(Date)