

American Classical Schools of Idaho (ACSI) Board of Trustees

500 SW 3rd St., Fruitland, Idaho 83619

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 8, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** by Board Chair, Mr. Lasnick.
2. **Roll Call of Board** by Secretary, Mr. Bassetti. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Lasnick, Mrs. David, and Mr. Bassetti, thus establishing a quorum. Other attendees included Dr. Kane, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Kinkade.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda (Action Items)**
 - 4.1. **Adopt board meeting agenda 2.8.23.**
 - 4.2. **Adopt board meeting minutes 1.11.23.**
 - 4.3. **Adopt board meeting minutes 1.24.23.** Mr. Lasnick moved to adopt the 2.8.23 Board meeting agenda and board meeting minutes from both 1.11.23 and 1.24.23, which were seconded by Mr. Bassetti. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.
5. **Community Comments**
 - 5.1. **Open Community Comments:** No community comments were received prior to board meeting.
6. **New Business**
 - 6.1. **American Classical Schools of Idaho Executive Director Report:** Mr. Lambert provided an update on the INCA funding commitments from financial stakeholders indicating bond issuance was expected between July and September of the current year. INCA efforts are focused on the facility and the due diligence phase of pre-construction is well underway. Additional efforts continued with the ACSI/INCA conversion proceeding as planned and 501(c)3 status expected from the IRS. Charter School Growth Fund initiated contact to ACSI to explore possibility of a relationship to support growth and an Idaho-based potential benefactor will visit TVCA and a “property of interest” in Kuna. Work continued on the spending plan for the INCA CSP grant and Facebook outreach has started for Kuna. Mr. Lambert indicated a meeting has been scheduled with the West Bonner school district to advocate for a charter within the existing school district instead of granting a new charter. A charter school investor gathering in the Phoenix area will provide an opportunity for a “pitch” to the bond market with the potential for access to a structured activity fund. The process for executing INCA conversion documentation (wet signature vs. digital signature) was clarified by Mrs. David. Mr. Bassetti sought assurance that institutional investor influence would not alter or deter from the mission of ACSI schools which was reaffirmed by Mr. Lambert.
 - 6.2. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Kane indicated intent-to-enroll for INCA stood at 424 with an increase of 40 students since the last update, adding that this was the highest month-to-month increase in recent months. He observed many families in the enrollment zone still don’t know INCA exists and described a plan for enhancing community partnerships which could include 48 organizations potentially open to spreading the word. Dr. Kane described teacher hiring efforts which target junior-level college students but also finding interest among those pursuing advanced degrees. Mr. Lasnick seeks clarity on actual teacher headcount being sought as part of hiring efforts. Dr. Kane added that INCA jobs will be posted publicly in March. Recent information sessions included one in Eagle with 15+ attendees and another a private residence. Two additional events are scheduled for February, including one at Eagle City Hall as well as a virtual/Zoom event. Dr. Kane indicates the CSP grant will go a long way with the first major purchase expected to be school buses.

6.3. North Idaho Classical Academy Candidate Report: Mr. Kinkade indicated that current NICA intent-to-enroll stood at 374 students and used a visual dashboard to illustrate breakdown of numbers of students from each surrounding community. A survey was conducted to better understand interest and it was notable that 1/3 of survey respondents are homeschooled. NICA is hosting a leadership event on Feb 17th to advance the purpose of the school and a second event on Feb 25th between Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry. Founders of NICA consist of four tight-knit individuals with a fifth individual to be added soon.

7. New Business

7.1. Discuss ACSI Roadmap and ACSI Candidate Vetting Process: Mr. Lambert indicated the ACSI umbrella reorganization process was expected to reach a “confluence” in May-July, 2023. Efforts continued toward defining the process for onboarding future candidate schools and factors determining what would “greenlight” new ACSI schools. It is expected that a “founding guide” will also be incorporated into the onboarding process, likely blending items from Hillsdale as well as items unique to ACSI. Local and dedicated founding boards are essential in new school formation so that ACSI can provide support while curriculum-only schools are not advised. Mrs. David discusses the role of future founding groups “owning” and writing the charter for their respective schools and Mr. Lambert reiterates the required focus of all founding groups on marketing.

8. Adjournment: Having completed the agenda the meeting is adjourned at 7:44 P.M.



John Bassetti, ACSI Board Secretary