

# American Classical Schools of Idaho (ACSI) Board of Trustees

500 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Fruitland, Idaho 83619

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 12, 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, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Bassetti, thus establishing a quorum. Other attendees include Dr. Francom, Dr. Kane and Mr. Lambert. Motion carries, agenda adopted.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda (Action Item)** Mr. Lasnick asked if any item needed to be removed from the consent agenda. As no items required removal, Mr. Lasnick moved to adopt items on the consent agenda which was seconded by Mrs. Saylor and was approved by unanimous consent.
  - 4.1. Adopt 4.12.23 board meeting agenda:
  - 4.2. Adopt 3.8.23 and 3.16.23 board meeting minutes:
5. **Community Comments** No community comments received prior to the meeting.
  - 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 presented the ACSI monthly dashboard starting with an overview of multiple efforts underway. These included the TVCA campus capital program which he indicated which was proceeding as planned. Additionally, the new TVCA campus passed through the first of two development milestones with the City of Fruitland issuing a recommendation for approval by Fruitland City Council. At the same time, effort remained on the TVCA "Now or Never" plan and associated fundraising efforts. Regarding INCA, progress continued on the roadmap toward Fall 2024 opening and fiscal elements were coming along well, according to Mr. Lambert. ACSI is still awaiting response to the 501©3 application and incorporation into the Charter School Growth Fund is still under consideration. Several recent donations for human capital growth were expected to support advancement of the ACSI strategic and long-term funding plans once a suitable candidate is identified and retained. Significant progress continued with NICA including a JKAFF fellowship for school leadership. Development of additional ACSI schools in Meridian and Kuna are on a longer-term time horizon. A recent discussion between Mr. Lambert and several parents sought to flush out a founding group and develop community engagement strategies for East Boise. Outreach will continue with a Baird Charter School event in Arizona on April 20-21<sup>st</sup> to pitch TVCA as well as a group visiting from Minidoka on April 26<sup>th</sup>. An upcoming meeting with Brighton Homes is expected to explore another potential pathway for support. Process for future budget reviews of both ACSI and individual schools was also discussed.
  - 6.2. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Report:** Dr. Kane indicated INCA intent-to-enroll is up to 477 and likely to exceed 500 by June 1<sup>st</sup> after which an updated goal for summer intent-to-enroll will be set. An accelerated marketing effort will commence in late fall and winter of 2023 beginning with a canvassing effort in Eagle where Dr. Kane is confident enrollment gains can be made. A shift toward gorilla marketing tactics were discussed and a BBQ at Avimor is planned in August to help keep previously committed families involved and interested. Dr. Kane provided an update on facility design which is approaching 90% complete. He reiterated that the INCA founders were involved and aware of the design and layout. An overview of the INCA facility traffic logistics was provided as was an update on the Healthy Scholars program. Dr. Kane also indicated that bid solicitation packages were ready to present to vendors.

**6.3. North Idaho Classical Academy Report:** Dr. Francom indicated intent-to-enroll increased by 30 students with an expected opening date in Fall 2025. LLC paperwork was completed and NICA had reviewed a draft operating agreement. Discussions pertaining to an information campaign and branding occurred and a website and NICA email domain and addresses were being setup. Mr. Lambert discussed the uniqueness of the Boulder Creek Ranch and ballpark costs for renovation as well as potential use scenarios for BCSI-related programming (i.e., conference, adult education, etc.). Efforts related to partnerships in support of the NICA and Boulder Creek Ranch were also discussed. Dr. Franken also coordinated with Mr. Yorgason on relevant matters related to NICA.

**7. New Business**

**7.1. Adopt INCA LLC Operating Agreement (Action Item):** The INCA LLC Operating Agreement was reviewed in finalized draft form prior to the meeting by board members. Mrs. Saylor moved to approve the INCA LLC Operating Agreement which was seconded by Mrs. David. With all in favor the motion carried.

**7.2. Open INCA sealed bus bids.** Bus bids were solicited using the mandatory sealed bid process. These included a company in Washington State as well as Western Mountain in Nampa and Bluebird-Bryson in Woods Cross, Utah. A fourth bid was received via email but not included as it was inconsistent with the approved bid-solicitation process and therefore invalidated. Most of CSP grant will be used for bus purchase and remaining for technology-related purchases.

**7.3. ACSI offsite and board training:** Mr. Lasnick and Mrs. David discussed options related to Hillsdale-provided training and possible advantages of offsite team building. Mrs. Saylor discussed potential location and budget and Mr. Bassetti suggested inclusion of ACSI strategic planning into any such event. Mrs. David agreed to look further into potential venues.

**8. Adjournment: Having completed the agenda the meeting is adjourned at 7:40 P.M.**



**John Bassetti, ACSI Board Secretary**