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The mission of the Indiana Principal Leadership Institute is to provide building-level principals with the skills and tools needed to increase their personal leadership capacities, as well as to increase the learning capacity of their schools.

Indiana Principal Leadership Institute / Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2017

Present: Todd Bess, Linda Marrs-Morford, Steve Gruenert, Zach Waggoner, David Hoffert, Paul Kaiser, Mike Pinto, Kelly Wittman, Shawn Wright-Browner, and Lori Davis (Greg Goode by telephone)

Absent: Rick Burger, J.T. Coopman, Jon Ford

Minutes By: Lori Davis, IPLI Program Coordinator

Location: IASP Office, 11025 E 25th Street, Indianapolis, IN

Next meeting: TBD

I. Welcome

2013-2017 Chairperson Todd Bess called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

II. Introductions

Todd Bess welcomed the new 2017-2021 Advisory Board members.

III. IPLI Advisory Board Responsibilities

- Paul Kaiser made a motion to continue the participation of Todd Bess, Executive Director of the Indiana Association of School Principals, J.T. Coopman, Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, and Greg Goode, Government Relations Executive Director at Indiana State University in ex officio positions. The motion was seconded by Mike Pinto. The motion carried.
- David Hoffert nominated Paul Kaiser to be the new chairperson, seconded by Kelly Wittman. The motion carried.

IV. Director's Report

IPLI Director, Dr. Linda Marrs-Morford presented the Director's report. The report highlighted the following:

- IPLI was refunded for another four years. Marrs-Morford will encourage all IPLI participants (mentors, principals, and teachers) to contact their local legislators to thank them for their support and promote the program.
- Cohort 5 began this summer with 59 principals bringing the total to 299 principals being part of IPLI.
- Applications for Cohort 6 will be accepted beginning Monday, November 20, 2017 with an official announcement at the IASP Fall Conference. Brochures will also be available soon for the recruitment cycle.
- Feedback from the program exit surveys continues to be good. Feedback results are available in the *IPLI Annual Report* on the IPLI website.

- Discussion was had as to whether IPLI needs to seek an external evaluator to determine the impact the program is having on Indiana schools. Greg Goode recommended not using state appropriated funds for this evaluation but to seek out a possible graduate student needing a research project. Marrs-Morford and Gruenert will look into this possibility.
- Marrs-Morford overviewed the content that is available on the IPLI website as well as the IPLI newsletter and blogs which are published on a monthly basis.
- IPLI has created a pilot program with mentor Rhonda Roos who travels to work with struggling Indiana schools. She has done one-on-one coaching with two past IPLI principals. This program is funded from the corporation fees collected by each district. The Board agreed that any follow up with principals is beneficial. It was decided that Roos should continue her work this year with a few IPLI graduates. The Board also requested that Marrs-Morford and Gruenert develop a proposal for a third year of IPLI modeled after the pilot project. The proposal will be submitted to the Board for review at the next meeting with the intent to forward a finalized proposal to the legislature during the 2018-2019 session.
- IPLI continues to offer ongoing support to past graduates by inviting them to hear keynote speakers at the seminars.
- Marrs-Morford has submitted several proposals on behalf of IPLI principals to present their action research projects at the IASP Fall Conference.
- The IPLI Service Award was awarded to Congressman Jim Banks this past summer. He will be given the award at a later date.

IV. Budget

Marrs-Morford presented a four-year summary and a projected 2017-2018 budget for IPLI. She explained the carryover amounts in the budget and the importance of keeping enough funds available to continue with a Year 2 should the program not be refunded in the future.

V. INALI

Todd Bess provided a brief overview of the INALI program. It is now a full two-year program. Each corporation is charged \$1000 per individual. Bess continues to search for outside funding as all expenses aside from the corporation fees comes from the IASP budget. INALI currently has 78 members in the new cohort. INALI also uses retired educational professionals as mentors.

VI. IPLI Future

The Board discussed the possibility of increased funding with the next funding session. Greg Goode recommended using this upcoming session to aggressively get the word out about IPLI. Issues facing increased funding include the transition of a new Indiana State University President, determining the impact of IPLI, and the naming of a new Senate budget chairperson.

VII. Other

Marrs-Morford shared information about the upcoming IPLI Seminars and invited the Advisory Board to attend the seminars. The Board also extended appreciation to the Department of Education on being involved with IPLI and the improvements being made within the organization.

VIII. Next Advisory Board Meeting

Two meetings a year are required for the Advisory Board. It was decided to wait to set the next IPLI Advisory Board meeting at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.