IMA Board Meeting

# Meeting Date

July 1st, 2019

# Meeting Attendants

Leslie Paulson

Jana Hunzicker

Susan Grzanich

Hosea Washington

Prasad Parupalli

Mike Render

Ruchi Bhatia:  Attended as a staff observer

# Meeting Agenda

# Meeting Minutes

Meenakshy Aiyer was unable to attend. Sandra Wilson offered her resignation due to other Members absent were Meenakshy Aiyer and Noreen Dillon. It was noted that Susan, Hosea and Noreen are new members of the Board. We appreciate their volunteering to this Board and look forward to their support and contributions.

The Board reviewed the metrics which did not include the financial metrics. It should be noted that the current cash on hand is adequate to get thru the next quarter.
Programs are running at a lower attendance level over the summer months but we are working on a full curriculum for the fall. Revived programs in IOT and expansion of the Video Game Design contest are planned.

It was suggested that we consider meeting with the Romaine Arts and Cultural Community Center. Mike will contact Nicki Romaine to see if there is an area of partnership we should consider.

Susan made clear that PPS would have students that would benefit from Wednesday afternoon classes in SAT test prep, Video Game Design, Legos Robotics  and possibly other programming classes. She also stated that the district has grant money to pay for the cost of instructors. Based on these discussions the Board encouraged IMA to hire instructors for classes at the 3 high schools plus at least 1 middle school.

Prasad and Jana discussed the 2020 Math Bowl timing. Prasad will define a few suggested dates that Jana can discuss with Bradley for availability.  Jana will also give us guidance on any background checks that will be required of the volunteers that would work the Math Bowl.

We discussed the results and plans for the Video Game Design contest.  The plan is to expand the participation in 2020 to more PPS schools and at least one additional suburban / parochial high school. We would plan to start the contest in early October and complete again early May. Mike will work with Ethan Hamm on a more defined curriculum, including presentation training. He will also look for added sponsors to cover the added costs and the need for more local business support.

Prasad discussed the status of our IoT program, including expanding the number of projects in the program and making them more complicated. He also mentioned that we currently do not have kids signed up for classes. It was suggested that we consider offering the classes as part of the PPS Wednesday programs. Hosea mentioned that some of the kids in his program may be capable of becoming instructors for the younger kids. Prasad and Hosea need to look into a plan to train some of Hosea’s kids by running them thru a mini IOT class and evaluating their capability at being trainers with possibly Hosea being their coordinator or a Bradley student. We need to clarify a plan by mid Sept.

We discussed the need for grant money to support marketing, program development and management of IMA. Susan mentioned she has experience in the grant search and grant writing area. Jana also mentioned Dr Bob Wolfe from Bradley as a potential to help us in this area.  Mike will coordinate a discussion with Susan and Bob to look into a plan for obtaining grants to support the above initiatives for IMA

We tentatively agreed the next Board meeting would be Wednesday Oct 9 at 5:30 pm. Pending confirmation from Susan. Susan please let us know if this is going to work for you.

Slides for this meeting will be submitted by Prasad

Submitted by Mike Render