

SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

SDIS – GC Meeting

November 17, 2021

6:00 pm

IMPORTANT: In response to COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely. The public may attend and listen only via link:

MISSION STATEMENT

The Six Directions Indigenous School, through a commitment to culturally relevant indigenous education and interdisciplinary project-based learning, will develop critically conscious students who are engaged in their communities, demonstrate holistic well-being, and have a personal plan for succeeding in post-secondary opportunities.

- I. Call to Order - Chair Malone
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM
- II. Roll Call - Chair Malone
 - a. Present Members: Zowie Banteah, Dr. Sharon Henderson, Karen Malone
 - b. Others Present: Abby Lewis,(school attorney) Amber Pena, (Business Manager) Tamara Allison,(Head Administrator)
- III. Approval of November 17, 2021, Agenda
 - a. Motion to accept the agenda – Dr. Henderson, 2nd by Zowie Banteah
 - b. Roll Call of Approval of Minutes: Dr. Henderson – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 20, 2021, Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to accept the minutes – Dr. Henderson, 2nd by Zowie Banteah
 - ii. Roll Call of Approval of Minutes: Dr. Henderson – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
- V. Public Comment – none at this time
- VI. Informational
 - a. Finance Committee Report- Karen Malone
 - i. Met 11/17/21 at 5:30 PM – Karen reports that our budget looks great; a new formula may impact the school due to drop in student numbers but will know more in December via Amber Peña
 - b. Finance Report - Business Manager Amber Peña
 - i. Ms. Peña reported school budget balance
 - ii. Funds have been requested - delayed from NMPED
 - iii. Received 40% of our revenues so far
 - iv. We've spent 21% of the budget
 - v. Deposits higher this month
 - vi. 910B Formula tools used once 40 Day attendance is verified expecting actual numbers by January 2022
 - c. Head Administrator's Report – Dr. Tamara Allison

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- i. Dr. Allison shared highlights
 1. October 27 – met with Navajo Nation
 2. November 29 – meeting with Zuni Pueblo
 3. Art Teacher leaving so a substitute will replace
 4. ELA and Social Studies teachers on board
 5. Student Led Conferences on October 21st – in person and virtual
 6. New Teachers provided with training on Edgenuity
 7. Scheduled college tours at the end of January 2022
 8. Working with San Juan College on an MOU for dual credit options for seniors
- ii. Student Activities
 1. Partnerships continued with Cottonwood Gulch and NYILP
 2. Senior Class Meetings held October 26 and November 11, November 15, and future on November 22, 2021
 3. Note: Graduation will be held June 11th, 2022

VII. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Requests
 - i. BAR 568-000-2122-0010-M; BAR 568-000-2122-0011-T; BAR 568-000-2122-0012-M and 0013-M; BAR 568-000-2122-0014-T; BAR 568-000-2122-0015-I; BAR 568-000-2122-0016-I – 0018-I; BAR 568-000-2122-0019-1B presented by Ms. Pena
 - ii. Motion to accept the BARS as presented made by Dr. Henderson, Second by Zowie Banteah
 - iii. Roll Call of Approval – Zowie Banteah – yes, Dr. Henderson – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
- b. The Black Education Policy
 - i. The purpose of this Policy is compliance with the Black Education Act of the New Mexico Legislature in working to create equitable educational opportunities for and treatments of racial minority students.
 - ii. Language added – “racialized aggression”
 - iii. Training for staff included on anti-racism professional development
- c. Student Discipline Policy
 - i. “Public Comment”
- d. Dr. Henderson made a motion to combine the Black Education Policy and Student Discipline Policy
- e. Roll Call of Approval – Zowie Banteah – yes, Dr. Henderson – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
- f. SDIS Return to School
 - i. New Tool – Kit
 - ii. Test to stay is available to those individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 in the school setting *only*.

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- iii. New policy – failure to test must quarantine
 - iv. Dr. Henderson made a motion to amend the SDIS Return to School Policy as read by School Attorney Abby Lewis
 - v. Roll Call of Approval – Dr. Henderson – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
- VIII. Discussion items
- i. Student Data – moved to next month’s agenda
 - ii. Possible updates on Return to School Policy if new changes arise
- IX. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.