



SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

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The Six Directions Indigenous School (SDIS) mission is to empower students through culturally relevant Indigenous education and interdisciplinary project-based learning, fostering critically conscious, engaged, and well-rounded individuals prepared for post-secondary success, according to their website.

This involves developing students who are critically aware of societal issues, have a strong sense of well-being, and are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in higher education and beyond.

Governing Council Regular Meeting Agenda

May 27, 2025

Six Directions Indigenous School Student Council Room

5:30 PM

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- Opening/Greetings: W. Yazzie, Co-Chair

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Subject	DRAFT SDIS Regular Governing Board Meeting Notes

Time: 5:37 P.M.

Each governing council member and all attendees introduce themselves for attendance:

1. Wilhelmina Yazzie, with Navajo clan acknowledgement
2. Louella Poblano, with Zuni clan acknowledgement
3. Mato Smith, with Lakota Sioux clan acknowledgement
4. Diana Kostelecky@5:45 PM

Board members absent: Ray Daw, Jazmin Kallestewa

Others in Attendance:

1. Rebecca Niiha, Head Administrator (HA)
2. Aaron Savoia, Business Manager, Vigil Group
3. Derek Brown, former SDIS Ameri-Corp Indigenous Core member, invited group to Math Circle, Window Rock, AZ, date-? (see video)
4. Daniel I. Soto, Legal Council
5. Renee Cleveland, Program Specialist

- Land Acknowledgement & School Mission by W. Yazzie
- Public Comment: None

I. Introduction of Agenda Items

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (April 29, 2025-rescheduled for May 6, 2025), summary of agenda provided by L. Poblano. No questions, edits or clarifications by board members. W. Yazzie motioned to approve 05/06/25 board minutes; D. Kostelecky seconded the motion, M.Smith-approved, D. Kostlecky-approve, **VOTE: 4-0-0-2**

B. Approval of Current Meeting Agenda, May 27, 2025, after review, no questions, edits or clarifications by board. M. Smith motioned to approve agenda; D. Kostelecky seconded the motion, WY-approved, LP-approved, **VOTE: 4-0-0-2**

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Budget Adjustment Requests (BARS)

- 568-000-2425-0013-D-Decrease, closing out BAR, activity fund
- 568-000-2425-0019-I-Increase, carry-over funds, general supplies/materials
- 568-000-2425-0020-I-Increase NISN High Quality Charter School
- **568-000-2425-0020-I-Question-Is this BAR listed twice**
- 568-000-2425-0035-I-Increase Universal Free Lunch, increase state funds
- 568-000-2425-0036-I-Increase Impact Aid Special Education budget adjustment
- 568-000-2425-0037-I-Increase Impact Aid, Indian Education
- 568-000-2425-0038-I-Increase, NISN High Quality Charter School, instruction
- 568-000-2425-0039-I-Increase, Title I Part I Part A - ESEA, salaries
- 568-000-2425-0040-I-Increase, Teacher/Principal Training & Recruiting
- **M. Smith motioned to approve the listed BARS as presented and explained by Business Manager;** D. Kostecky second the motion, L.P. approved, W.Y.-approved, **VOTE: 4-0-0-2**

B. Approval of 2025-2026 School Year Calendar, presented by R. Niiha, H.A., (RN/HA). This required NMPED OBMS calendar for 2025/26 SY with Professional Development (PD) was discussed. RN/HA explained this calendar aligns with input from students and parents. HA mentioned that scheduling PD days for every other Friday, created half days. The required 140 instructional hours is still being met, in fact, SDIS is over the required instructional hours for both middle and high school students.

- **W. Yazzie motioned to approve the revised 2025/26 school calendar, as presented,** D. Kostecky approved the motion, LP-approved, Mato-approved, **VOTE: 4-0-0-2.**

C. Approval of New Board Member, Ky George. R.N./HA discussed the student council's interview of K. George, who received approval from both the student council and the board. Congratulations K. George and welcome to your governing board seat.

- **D. Kostecky motioned to approve K. George as SDIS Governing board member;** M. Smith-second the motion, LP-approved, WY-approved, **VOTE: 4-0-0-2.** Legal council was asked if K. George can now be a voting member, response-Yes!

D. Approval of New Board Member, Ky George. R.N./HA discussed the student council interview of K. George, they endorsed the board candidate, as well as the governing board. Congratulations K. George and welcome to your governing board seat.

- **M. Smith motioned to approve the submission of BARS for end of school year's budget;** D. Kostecky seconded the motion, WY-approve, LP-approve, KG-approved, **VOTE: 5-0-0-2**

E. Approval of IDEA-B 2025-2026 Application & Budget-Tina Baca, SPED Coordinator, presented by RN/HA. Discussion covered preliminary funding allocations, with funds designated for a "push-in" model (Inclusion-?). Currently, SDIS instructional staff utilizes IEP modifications and accommodations with CES approved experts to provide instructional support for students with Individualized Educational Plan (IEPs). Additional support for staff includes professional development in these areas such as, Trauma Informed strategies for staff (Restorative Justice), CES approved strategies for students

with IEPs, gifted training, collaboration with community health organizations, and assurances for five IEPs.

- **M.Smith motioned to approve the IDEA-B;** L.Poblano seconded, WY-approved, KG-approved, DK-approved, **VOTE: 5-0-0-2**

IV. Discussion Items

- A. NISN Partnership Levels of Engagement: SDIS needs to decide whether to implement Level 2 or Level 3 for SY 2025-26. This program will offer benefits for both students and staff. Discussion covered the readiness level for implementation and the leadership, mentor models involved in this partnership.
- B. Cell Phone Policy-presented by RN/HA, collected and shared cell phone data of students. This new policy, schools will have to develop a school site policy for SY 25/26. The new policy states students will not be allowed to use cell phones during instructional hours. The discussion centered on developing processes and procedures with student and staff input. And establishing accountability measures to ensure the cell phone policy is consistent, fair, and safe at school.

V. Information Items

A. Head Administrator Report All board members shared their reflections on the last retreat meeting with TrustEducation, LLC. Other informational items included the near completion of the Community School Grant almost completed, one Math teacher applicant, and the start of Summer School, June 3. On Thursday, May 29, SDIS will host school community celebrations from 1:30-3:00PM. Additionally, on June 10, there will be a Charter School Conference where SDIS will be recognized by PEC, and students will perform a dance. Lastly, the HA will be spending down grants/funds, due by June 6, 2025.

VI. Executive Session Pursuant to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2)), the Governing Council of Six Directions Indigenous School will hold an Executive Session to discuss the **limited personnel matter** of the Head Administrator's evaluation.

- A. Head Administrator Evaluation
- B. Head Administrator Contract
 - **W.Y. motions the board to go into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M;** L.P. seconds the motion, K.G.-approves, DK.-approves, **VOTE: 4-0-0-3** (M.Smith left Zoom meeting at 7:32 PM)
 - **W. Yazzie motions for board to come out of Executive meeting at 8:18 PM;** D.K., seconds motions, LP-agree, KG-agree, **VOTE: 4-0-0-3**

VII. Approval or Non Approval of Head Administrator for the 2025-2026, to be continued at the next board meeting, June Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

VI. Conclude Business, Board Co-Chair, W. Yazzie concludes the regular board meeting.

- **Note End Time: 8:20 PM, Tues. May 27, 2025**

Prepared by,

Louella Poblano, SDIS Governing Board Secretary