

SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

SDIS – GC Meeting Minutes

October 20, 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:

<https://zoom.us/j/2318680632?pwd=ZmxuSGdWRXVxNk9MU3NJVmFqV1FyQT09>

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 6:07 PM
- II. Roll Call - Chair Malone
 - a. Present Members: Wilhemina Yazzie, Zowie Banteah, Karen Malone
 - b. Others Present: Abby Lewis,(school attorney) Amber Pena, (Business Manager) Tamara Allison,(Head Administrator), Becca Niiha(parent), Freda Nez (parent), Adam Piestewa (parent), Christine Spencer (parent)
- III. Approval of October 20, 2021, Agenda
 - a. Motion to accept the agenda – Wilhemina Yazzie, 2nd by Zowie
 - b. Roll Call of Approval of Minutes: Wilhemina Yazzie – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 27, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to accept the agenda – Wilhemina Yazzie, 2nd by Zowie
 - ii. Roll Call of Approval of Minutes: Wilhemina Yazzie – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
- V. Public Comment
 - a. Becca Niiha – parent commented on appreciation of the hybrid model; advocating for the hybrid model and feels safer as a parent in sending her son to school on days he needed to be there.
 - b. Freda Nez – parent joining for the first time and wants to listen in.
 - c.
- VI. Informational
 - a. Finance Committee Report- Karen Malone
 - i. Met 10/20/21 at 5:30 PM – Karen reports that our budget looks healthy; another plus is being consistent in staff hires and payments overall
 - b. Finance Report - Business Manager Amber Peña
 - i. Ms. Pena reported school budget balance

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- ii. Outstanding Request For Reimbursement's – waiting on payment from NMPED
 - c. Head Administrator's Report – Dr. Tamara Allison
 - i. NMPED Tasks:
 - 1. Met deadlines with NMPED – ESSR III Deadlines
 - 2. Tribal Education Status report submitted to NMPED
 - 3. Student needs assessment submitted to NMPED
 - 4. PED COVID Safe Practices report submitted
 - 5. Calendar changed and approved by NMPED
 - 6. Met with staff from NMPED about virtual model and it was approved; some suggestions were to add Teacher Office Hours; given till 2nd semester to implement office hours
 - 7. Parent Survey indicated 70% want hybrid model to continue
 - ii. Personnel - New teacher for Math, Level 2 teacher with Master's Degree; ELA teacher and Social Studies teacher start October 22nd
 - iii. Curriculum Instruction
 - 1. Tyler System implemented
 - 2. NWEA training
 - 3. Student Led Conferences scheduled for October 22-23rd, 2021
 - 4. Cottonwood Gulch hikes scheduled-1st one September 29, 2021 with 8th graders
 - 5. Elevate – teacher evaluation tool via Canvas
 - 6. NYCP grant – provide for dual credit, college and career readiness initiatives
- VII. Action Items
 - a. Addition of New Member
 - i. No action taken
 - b. Budget Adjustment Requests
 - i. BAR 568-000-2122-0009-1B was presented by Ms. Pena.
 - ii. Motion to accept the BAR as presented made by Wilhemina Yazzie, Second by Zowie Banteah
 - iii. Roll Call of Approval – Wilhemina Yazzie – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
 - c. Lottery, Admissions, and Enrollment Policy
 - i. Motion to accept by Zowie Banteah 2nd by Wilhemina Yazzie
 - ii. Roll Call of Approval: Wilhemina Yazzie – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Karen Malone – yes (Vote 3-0-0)
- VIII. Discussion items
 - a. Lease Purchase Arrangement
 - i. Appraiser needed-closest person is from Farmington
 - b. Staff Feedback on Schedule
 - i. No staff present
 - ii. Head Administrator included schedule updates in her HA Report
 - c. November Meeting Agenda

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- i. Black Education Act (Public comment)
 - ii. Possible NMPED toolkit for COVID may be released – Abby Lewis will update
 - iii. NWEA data presented by Head Administrator
- IX. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.