**05-04-2016 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Six Directions Indigenous School**

GC Members In Attendance: Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, Neomi Gilmore (via phone)

GC Members absent: Susan Estrada, Madeline Leyba

Others in Attendance: Lane Towery

**Meeting Called to order 5:49**

1. Intros and Welcomes
2. Approval of Agenda
   1. Motion by: Neomi
   2. Yes: Philmer, Ben
   3. No: none
3. Approval of Minutes from 4/20
   1. Motion: Ben
   2. Yes: Philmer, Neomi
   3. No: none
4. Public Comment
   1. None

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approve the Contract and Performance Framework as negotiated with the PEC.
   1. The material terms were read aloud.
   2. The 2 academic goals and 1 organizational goal were read aloud.
   3. The waivers were read aloud.
   4. Motion to approve the Resolution: “The Governing Council of the Six Directions Indigenous School **APPROVES** the Charter School Contract between the New Mexico Public Education Commission and the Six Directions Indigenous School for 2016 – 2021 (“Charter School Contract”) and the attached Exhibits including but not limited to Exhibit 2: Waivers and Exhibit 3: Performance Framework.”
      1. Motion: Ben
      2. Yes: Philmer, Neomi
      3. No: no
      4. Abstain: non
2. Attendance Policy
   1. Should we consider cultural observances an educational experience? It seems in line with our philosophies. Maybe that means we ask for a written paper or reflection for students who have missed days for cultural observances.
   2. It definitely fits within the wellness framework. And It definitely is a learning experience for youth to be in ceremony or be dancing or singing, etc.
   3. We want to respect ceremonial knowledge and practice. There is no demand for students to share things they shouldn’t share. The protected ought to remain protected.
   4. Is there a way for it not to even be an excused absence, but to be an extension of their educational process?
   5. I think we should push on this in the long run. Ceremonial practices should be considered an extension of education and healing and not be considered an absence, either excused or unexcused.
   6. Motion to approve the attendance policy with new language for cultural observances:
      1. Motioned: Neomi
      2. Yes: Ben, Philmer
3. ACES membership resolution
   1. We have a question about the “administrative fees” mentioned on page 4 in Section 7.
   2. Motion to table in order to get answers to questions about admin fees.
      1. Motion: Ben
      2. Yes: Philmer, Neomi
      3. No: none
4. Executive session to discuss principal hiring
   1. Motion to enter executive session: Ben,
   2. Yes: Philmer, Neomi
   3. The board has decided to invite Carole Uentillie to a final interview.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Lane Report
   1. Demand letter to GMCS regarding IPRA request.
      1. There seems to be no question about the legal aspect on our attorney’s part.
      2. We all agree that we should send it. Even if it makes folks mad, we have a right to hold them accountable.
   2. Update on WNMU building process. We should have a final answer from WNMU by Saturday.
   3. Acceptance letters went out to new students on Monday. We’re hosting a talking circle next Thursday, May 12th.