

SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes

September 21st, 2020

4:30 pm

*NOTE: Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

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 Towery, 4:35 PM
- II. Roll Call - Chair Towery
Present: Susan Estrada, Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie and Lane Towery.
Others present: Dr. Allison (Six Directions Indigenous School Head Administrator), Amber Peña (Business Manager), Abby Lewis (SDIS Attorney), Sheryl Livingston (Parent and potential board member), Zowie Banteah-Yuselew (Potential board member), Renee' Cleveland (Recorder of Minutes)
Mission Statement: Read by Wilhelmina Yazzie
- III. Approval of Agenda
Karen made a motion seconded by Wilhelmina Yazzie to approve the September 21, 2020 agenda.
Roll call vote: Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie and Lane Towery voted YES, there were no votes in the negative.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
Karen Malone made a motion, seconded by Wilhelmina Yazzie to approve the August 31st, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Roll call vote: Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie and Lane Towery voted YES, there were no votes in the negative.
- V. Public Comment
There were no public comments
- VI. Informational
 - a. Finance Report – Amber Peña
Amber Peña gave her finance report.

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Discussion and questions followed the Finance Report.

- b. Head Administrator's Report – Dr. Tamara Allison
Dr. Allison presented the SDIS Head Administrative Report followed by questions, answers and clarification of the report.
- c. School Renewal – Tony Archuleta
Tony Archuleta was not in attendance, Dr. Tamara Allison (Head Administrator) gave update on the Charter Renewal.

VII. Action Items

- a. Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR)
Amber Pena explained the Budget Adjustment Requests.
Oliver Tapaha made a motion, seconded by Karen Malone to approve Budget Adjustment Requests 8 and 9.
Roll call vote: Susan Estrada, Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie and Lane Towery voted YES, there were no votes in the negative.

- b. Appointment of New Governing Council Members.
Sheryl Livingston and Zowie Banteah-Yuselew introduced themselves to the SDIS Governing Board as potential SDIS Board Members.
Oliver Tapaha made a motion seconded by Karen Malone to elect Zowie Banteah-Yuselew as a member of SDIS Governing Council.
Roll call vote: Susan Estrada, Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie and Lane Towery voted YES, there were no votes in the negative.

Oliver Tapaha made a motion seconded by Wilhelmina Yazzie to elect Sheryl Livingston as a member of SDIS Governing Council.
Roll call vote: Susan Estrada, Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie, and Lane Towery voted YES, there were no votes in the negative.

- c. Governing Council board officer elections

Susan Estrada made a motion seconded by Oliver Tapaha to appoint:

Lane Towery, Chair
Oliver Tapaha, Assistant Chair
Karen Malone, Keeper of Finances
Wilhelmina Yazzie, Keeper of Records

Roll call vote: Susan Estrada, Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew, Sheryl Livingston and Lane Towery voted YES, there were no votes in the negative.

- d. Governing Council committee assignments

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Discussion on the description and duties of the committee members
Susan Estrada made a motion, seconded by Karen Malone to accept the SDIS
Governing Board committee members as listed below:

Finance Committee

Lane Towery
Karen Malone
Zowie Banteah-Yuselew

Audit Committee

Karen Malone
Garret Waltz
Sheryl Livingston
Amber Pena

Indigenous Education Committee

Wilhelmina Yazzie
Oliver Tapaha
Zowie Banteah-Malone

Family Advisory

Lane Towery
Wilhelmina Yazzie
Sheryl Livingston

Facilities

Karen Malone
Abby Lewis

Roll call vote: Susan Estrada, Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Sheryl Livingston,
Zowie Banteah-Yuselew and Lane Towery voted YES, there were no votes in
the negative.

e. **McKinney Vento Act Policy Updates**

Discussion, questions and comments on the McKinney-Vento Act Policy.
Karen Malone made a motion, seconded by Susan Estrada to approve the
updates to the McKinney-Vento Act Policy.

Roll call vote: Susan Estrada, Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina
Yazzie, Sheryl Livingston, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew and Lane Towery voted
YES, there were no votes in the negative

VIII. **Discussion**

a. **Member resignation and recognition**

Members of the Six Directions Indigenous School Governing Board
recognized Susan Estrada for her service, contribution and commitment
to Six Directions Indigenous School.

b. **Annual Performance Framework Review Procedures**

The Chair emphasized the importance of the Annual Performance
Framework Review and the need for communication between school
administration and the Governing Council given that the Governing Council
does not have direct access to Web-EPPSS.

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- c. Proposal to replace Tripod with Quad
Report of the history and future of Tripod.
Discussion on the Tripod and QUAD surveys.
The Chair emphasized the contractual obligation to deliver Tripod as long as it is part of the school's contract with the PEC.
 - d. PEC renewal presentation
Discussion on the presentation for the SDIS Charter Renewal at the PEC meeting in December.
 - e. New Member Onboarding
Information and feedback regarding the New Member Onboarding plan as prepared.
Will be shared with new board members.
 - f. SDIS Coronavirus Supplemental Handbook
Tabled.
 - g. 2020-2021 strategic plan and Head Administrator Report Template
Discussion was tabled. Members agreed to review in more detail and bring critique to the next meeting.
 - h. October Meeting Agenda
2020-2021 Strategic Plan Document
- IX. Adjournment
7:21 PM

Approved by the Six Directions Indigenous School Governing Council at a Regular Meeting on October 19, 2020.