Six Directions Indigenous School

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 6, 2016 (5:30 p.m.)

Location: 305 Sunde Street,

Gallup, NM (NIYLP)

Attendance

Present board members and lead organizer:

 Philmer Bluehouse

 Ben Soce

Susan Estrada

 Lane Towery

Absent board members:

 Madeline Leyba

 Neomi Gilmore

1. Intros and Welcome

 Dragon fly activity

 Read our mission statement

1. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

 **Discussion:**

 We should incorporate peace-making process into our policies

 Arbitration/making a decision for another person should be the last measure

 **Motion:** move to pass meeting minutes (proposed by Philmer Bluehouse)

 **Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

 **Votes against:** None

 **Motion approved**

1. Public Comment

 No discussion/public comments

1. Action Items
	1. By-Laws with changes to background check, public input, and officer titles

 **Discussion:**

 Changes from previous meeting: board members will need to get new background checks (within 30 days of the election to the board)

 Public input: rather than party we said individual or group, request from the

 public can be made in written or oral forms

 Officer titles were changed to Chair, Assistant Chair, Keeper of Records, Keeper

 of Finance

 By-Laws can be amended, changed, and made sacred again through review

 Like a sacred mountain bundle

 Some concerns were raised about the conflict of interest policy

 Article II, Section 5: there are two section fives

 **Motion:** motion to approve by-laws (proposed by Philmer Bluehouse)

 **Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

 **Votes against:** None

 **Motion approved**

* 1. Complaint Policy

 **Discussion:**

 How might we include un-written laws practiced by indigenous folks?

 Common law laws

 **Motion:** motion to approve Complaint Policy with stipulation that we will seek

 an answer to answer the above

 question (proposed by Philmer Bluehouse)

 **Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

 **Votes against:** None

 **Motion approved**

* 1. Selection of Governing Council Officers

 **Discussion:**

 We have already done this but now we need to make it official

 We have two sets of committees (1st set of committees for planning the opening

 of the school, 2nd set for running the school)

 Philmer recommends that the family advisory committee uses peace-making processes as a method of healing and wellness

 One set of committees for before the school is staffed, second set afterward

 Proposed positions:

 Chair: Ben Soce

 Assistant Chair: Philmer Bluehouse

 Keeper of Record: Susan Estrada

 Keeper of Finance: Madeline Leyba

  **Motion:** motion to approve the above position assignments (proposed by Susan

 Estrada)

 **Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

 **Votes against:** None

 **Motion approved**

* 1. Assignment of members to standing committees

 **Discussion:**

 Family Advisory Committee (students and families): Philmer Bluehouse

 Finance Committee: Carmen (School Business Manager), Ben (Chair), Madeline (Keeper of finance),

 Head administrator

 Facilities: Ben (chair), Susan Estrada

 Audit: Carmen(School Business Manager), Ben (Chair), and Madeline (Keeper of Finance)

 **Motion:** motion to approve the above position assignments (proposed by

 Philmer Bluehouse)

 **Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

 **Votes against:** None

 **Motion approved**

1. Discussion Items
	1. Enrollment Policy

 **Discussion:**

 Do not have anything to pass currently

1. Work Items
	1. Board of Finance Paperwork

 **Done**

1. Lane Report

 **Discussion:**

 Things are moving quickly with us co-locating with Western

 Might have to do minimal work to meet zoning expectations/rules

 We are set up in the state’s system to have the different types of insurance we

 need

 Lane has a big meeting with the state – anyone is welcome to attend

 These meetings happen on the 1st Monday of the month

 If we attend one of these meetings, we will meet our 5 hrs. training requirement

1. Committee Reports
	1. Facilities and Operations
	2. Wellness

 **Discussion:**

 Conceptualizing how to be inclusive to all cultures in the area

 Do we focus on shared health views? Or do we look at specific cultures?

 Experiential and outdoor education can reinforce wellness practices

 It will be hard to separate spirituality with religion

 Are we looking for common values?

 Philmer suggests we get into the issues with people (rather than proselytizing)

 Proposed selling point/product (that makes our school distinct): peace-making

 process

* 1. Curriculum
	2. Family Engagement
	3. Staff Hiring
1. GC Member Reports

 **Discussion:**

 Neomi has done a lot to get a youth summit together with Western, NM on

 March 29th

 We are having a discussion about whether or not we should have our name

 attached to the event

 We could have a presentation at the event without hosting it

 What is the purpose of the summit?

 Neomi has put together a series of speakers

 These speakers will talk about their successes

 Neomi wants kids to see that anything they want to do is possible

 We may want to include more than just speakers

 We could have kids listen to speakers for half the day

 We could also have students do a reflection on our wellness philosophy

 We could also have students do another type of activity

 We want students to leave with something practical (tangible)

 This could be a great day if we also make it interactive

 We can go back and forth between lecture and interactive workshops

 Spending time with an elder would also be wonderful to include

 We need to have a boarder planning session with Neomi

 We could host with Western, NIYLP, and SDIS

 Let’s plan more as a group (next week, January 13th)

*Approved by the Six Directions Indigenous School Governance Council this 20th day of January 2016.*

*Keeper of Records:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

 *Susan Estrada*

*Date: 01-20-2016*