Six Directions Indigenous School

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 16, 2015 (5:30 p.m.)

Location: 303 S. First Street,

Gallup, NM (Teach for America office)

Attendance

Present board members and lead organizer:

 Madeline Leyba

 Neomi Gilmore

Susan Estrada

 Lane Towery

Absent board members:

 Philmer Bluehouse

 Ben Soce

Present guests:

 Amy Wood

 Toni Skalican

 Tara Sumrall

 Paul LeFrancois

 Brenda Chicharello

1. Intros and Welcome
2. Action Items
	1. By-Laws
		1. Finalize names of officers
		2. Vote to approve

**Discussion:**

Change position titles throughout documents

Clarification about head administrator (GC will hire, will carry an admin license)

Discuss public input policies further

By-Laws will be reviewed by the state for compliance

Article 3, Section 8: explicitly name specific section referred to,

Change all “above” and “below” references to specific language

**Motion:** table By-Laws discussion (raised by Susan Estrada)

**Votes for:** Madeline Leyba, Neomi Gilmore, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

* 1. Governing Council Officers Selection
	2. Standing Committee Assignments
	3. Conflict of Interest Policy

**Motion:** vote for approval (raised by Susan Estrada)

**Votes for:** Madeline Leyba, Neomi Gilmore, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

* 1. Anti-Nepotism Policy

**Motion:** vote for approval (raised by Madeline Leyba)

**Votes for:** Madeline Leyba, Neomi Gilmore, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

* 1. Families Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Policy

**Motion:** vote for approval with the following edits (raised by Susan Estrada)

**Edits:** In Right to Review, Inspect and Request Amendment section, paragraph beginning, “To organizations conducting studies for…” change “NACA” to “Six Directions Indigenous School”

**Votes for:** Madeline Leyba, Neomi Gilmore, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

* 1. Open Meetings Act Resolution

**Motion:** vote for approval with the following edicts (raised by Madeline Leyba)

**Edits:** update “President” position title to “chair”

**Votes for:** Madeline Leyba, Neomi Gilmore, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

* 1. Start Board of Finance Paperwork
1. Discussion Items
	1. Background Check Policy – do we want to require new GC members to get background checks?

**Discussion:**

Include requirement in section 3 (G.C. Members), subsection C (Vacancies) – section E

* 1. Complaint Policy – We’ll need a policy for receiving complaints to the GC. There are standard methods, but do we want to think about how Peacemaking fits in here?

**Discussion:**

Do not have a policy to vote on

Items for future draft and discussion

Philmer wanted this policy to reflect peace-making practices

Need to pass this policy by Jan. 8th

Could include training with parents, families, and students during orientation

* 1. Public Input Policy – how do we want to include public input during meetings?

**Discussion:**

Established time allotted for input at the beginning of meetings

Limit time based on agenda and amount of input

If two GC can compel chair and head admin, input can be added to the agenda

**Motion:** table Discussion Items B and C (raised by Lane Towery)

**Votes for:** Madeline Leyba, Neomi Gilmore, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

1. Lane Report

**Notes:**

Individually signed and notarized board of finance paperwork is due Jan. 6th

Lane will email this paperwork out

Lane is pulling agenda items from state directives (planning year check list)

Lane is securing insurance or G.C. members

1. Committee Reports
	1. Facilities and Operations

**Notes:**

Madeline went to view the county property

Will privately view next week

Lanes been working with Western

We submitted a letter to co-locate with Western

Occupancy standards may be different (school vs. university)

Jan. 5th, PSFA will do a walk-through analysis

* 1. Wellness

**Notes:**

Bill Bright is interested in being involved

* 1. Curriculum

**Notes:**

Shared timelines and big guiding questions

* 1. Family Engagement

Notes:

Had their first meeting last week

Member of this committee will be a G.C. member

Getting a table at Arts Craw in January

Talked about setting up regular meetings on Saturdays

* 1. Staff Hiring

**Notes:**

Lane is working with Seth to write job descriptions

1. GC Member Reports

**Notes:**

Neomi has been speaking to people about an education summit

*Approved by the Six Directions Indigenous School Governance Council this 6th day of January 2016.*

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

 *Susan Estrada*

*Date: 01-06-2016*