

# SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

## SDIS - GC Meeting

January 16th, 2019

6:00pm, SDIS, 2055 NM-602, Gallup, NM 87301

### 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.

### MINUTES

**Present:** Towery, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Tapaha, Estrada

**Others present:** Abby Lewis, attorney; Amber Peña, business manager; Jessica Thomas, parent.

- I. Called to order by Chair Towery at 6:06pm
- II. Roll Call
  - Chair Towery – present
  - Vice Chair Crowfoot – present
  - Member Dr. Pfeiffer – present
  - Member Tapaha – present via telephone
  - Member Estrada – present via telephone
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion to approve agenda made by Pfeiffer, seconded by Crowfoot
  - Estrada, Tapaha, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Towery vote yes
  - None vote no
- IV. Approval of January 7th, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to approve January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes made by Pfeiffer, seconded by Crowfoot.
  - Estrada, Tapaha, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Towery vote yes
  - None vote no
- V. Public Comment
  - None
- VI. Informational
  - Finance Report - Business Manager Amber Peña
    - Business manager presented monthly reports and took questions from the Governing Council
  - Administrator's Report - Head Administrator Vicenti
    - Head Administrator presented updates on efforts to decrease teaching loads; improvements to advisory plans; AIS prep returning for summer programming; Poet Jessica Lopez will be visiting students in April; school 90-day plan; school field trip

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to IAIA and Meow Wolf in March; NM History field trip in May; 9<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Navajo Nation inauguration.

## VII. Action Items

- Budget Adjustment Requests
  - Motion to approve BARS 18 to 21 made by Estrada, seconded by Tapaha.
  - Voting yes: Towery, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Tapaha, Estrada.
  - Voting no: none
- McKinney Vento Policy
  - Ms. Lewis presented the McKinney Vento Policy for homeless students and answered questions from the Council. Motion to approve the McKinney Vento Act Policy made by Crowfoot, seconded by Tapaha.
  - Voting yes: Towery, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Tapaha, Estrada.
  - Voting no: none
- Updated Internal Controls and Procedures
  - Ms. Pena presented the updates to the Internal Controls and answered questions from the Council. Motion to approve changes to Internal Controls and Procedures made by Dr. Pfeiffer, seconded by Estrada.
  - Voting yes: Towery, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Tapaha, Estrada.
  - Voting no: none
  - Dr. Pfeiffer requested an updated school organizational chart be provided to the Governing Council
- Annual Open Meetings Act Resolution
  - Ms. Lewis presented the Open Meetings Act Resolution and answered questions from the Council. Motion to approve the Annual Open Meetings Act Resolution made by Crowfoot, seconded by Pfeiffer
  - Voting yes: Towery, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Tapaha, Estrada.
  - Voting no: none

## VIII. Discussion items

- Updates on Strategic Planning and Governing Council self-evaluation
  - Chair Towery is working with an established charter school for guidance on a strategic planning document.
- Minute-taking duties
  - Members discussed spreading out minute-taking duties across the members.
- Agenda for February 20th Regular Meeting
  - Members discussed business to be included in the next regular meeting

## IX. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss limited personnel matters.

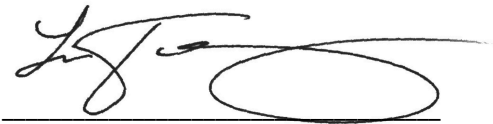
- Motion to go into closed session made by Estrada and seconded by Crowfoot.
  - Voting yes: Towery, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Tapaha, Estrada.

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- Voting no: none
- Motion to return to open session made by Crowfoot and seconded by Tapaha
  - Voting yes: Towery, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Tapaha, Estrada.
  - Voting no: none
- Chair Towery stated that the matters discussed in the closed session were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.
- Motion to add Lane Towery to the Grievance Committee to replace Benny Hale and to add Tyla Kanteena as an alternate as needed made by Pfeiffer and seconded by Tapaha.
  - Voting yes: Towery, Pfeiffer, Crowfoot, Tapaha, Estrada.
  - Voting no: none

X. Meeting adjourned by Chair Towery at 8:18pm

*Approved by the Six Directions Governing Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.*

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