

SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

SDIS – GC Meeting

July 16th, 2018

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

To Listen in Via Phone:

712-775-7031

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Mission

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: 6:08 p.m.
- II. Roll Call - Chair Towery

SDIS Governing Board	Present	Absent
Co-Chair Crowfoot		X
Keeper of Records Estrada		X
Keeper of Finances Tapaha	X	
Member Pfeiffer	X	
Member Towery	X	

- III. Approval of Agenda - Supt. Vicenti

SDIS Governing Board	Motion: Oliver	Second: Tamarah
Keeper of Finances Tapaha	X	
Member Pfeiffer	X	
Member Towery	X	

Approved: 3/0

- IV. Public Comment- Chair Towery-None
- V. Action Items
 - A. Approval of changes to 2018-2019 School Calendar- Supt. Vicenti
 - Lane-would like to discussion Action Items A and B together.

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- Oliver-How does NACA have their calendar set up. No one knows.
- Trimester offers more flexibility ex. AP English A; AP English B; and Trimester would be full. .5 credit difference between trimester and semester. Oliver is favoring the trimester.
- Masika-AP studies have their own test ex. AP Language and AP Literature. Students need to get a half a credit in US History and Health, and might not have enough time to make up for the missing credit.
- Tamarah-traditional course offerings; more choice, preparation, fewer number of teacher preparation, schedule. Cons-limited abilities, requires staff to operate on a block schedule, light schedule load, liked classes are not offered at the same time. Are we moving to a 60 minute class offerings or a block scheduling that will offer 90 minutes of instruction a day.
- Oliver-Total number of courses that will be available to our students, based on staff.
- Masika-our intent to offer the seasonal instruction that can be offered throughout the school year. The change will not impact the philosophy of the school.
- Lane-school contract was it a material term? Trimester is not apart of our material terms with our application. If the practitioners are wanting the change we should support the teachers who are implementing the changes if it is going to be better.
- Tamarah-full high school and add more programs its harder to go backwards, it's hard to add a course towards the end of students school.
- It's hard to validate credits when a student transfers in from another school, or our students transfer to another school we don't want to hender their graduation requirements.
- Tamarah-the change to the calendar to show semesters should also show up in policy. Yes, we are doing that currently with the handbook.
- Oliver-Calendar that is being sent to PED do we need their approval? No they are only making
- **Move to approve Action Items A and B.**

SDIS Governing Board	Motion: Tamarah	Second: Oliver
Keeper of Finances Tapaha	X	
Member Pfeiffer	X	
Member Towery	X	

Approval:

- B. Approval of change in annual academic calendar from trimesters to semesters -IC Sweetwyne

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- Masika-here are the changes to the school calendar that is being proposed.

SDIS Governing Board	Motion: Oliver	Second: Tamarah
Keeper of Finances Tapaha	X	
Member Pfeiffer	X	
Member Towery	X	

Approval: 3/0

C. 2nd Reading of School Handbook SY 2018-19 -IC Sweetwyne

- Tamarah-the word “standards” need to more defined, what standards are we talking about, cultural standards or CCSS standards?
- Terminology with Head Administrator or Superintendent needs to be decided on.
- Lane-in the charter school application we use “Head Administrator” to define the multiple roles the Principal plays.
- More defined “Due Process.”
- Mention of child custody documents in the admission packet.
- We wording of “interrogation,” seems harsh, can we change to “questioning.”
- How is the school dealing with tattoos and hickies?
- Oliver-define the difference between A and B honor roll.
- Define the Grade Point Scale
- Signature page?
- Tamarah-9th grade course study/requirements
- Expulsion Hearing

SDIS Governing Board	Motion: Tamarah	Second: Oliver
Keeper of Finances Tapaha	X	
Member Pfeiffer	X	
Member Towery	X	

Approval: 3/0

VI. Discussion items

A. Draft agenda for August 11 Regular Meeting

- Student Due Process
- Student Handbook
- Audit Committee
- Board Clerk
- Board Work Session
- Update on GC Training, and who has completed

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- B. Update on Request for documents of student work-
 - FERPA protects student work
- C. NIYLP Contract
 - Tamarah-FTE your using their expertise to run the camp, looking over it within two months.
 - Administrative cost vehicle, staff development, program activity supplies, food,
 - FTE with a cook with supplies included
 - Oliver-outrageous cost, use the money for student in a different way.
 - Lane-pro rigourous negotiations. A lot of their calculations is based on student participation.
 - Negotiate with NIYLP-to a lower cost

VII. Adjournment: 7:59 pm

SDIS Governing Board	Motion: Oliver	Second: Tamarah
Keeper of Finances Tapaha	X	
Member Pfeiffer	X	
Member Towery	X	

Approved 3/0

Approved by the Six Directions Indigenous School Governance Council this 8th day of August 2018.



Keeper of Records: _____
Susan Estrada

Date: 08-08-2018

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