

SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

Regular Governing Council Meeting

November 16th, 2020

4:30 pm

IMPORTANT: In response to COVID-19, this meeting will be 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
Lane Towery called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm

- II. Roll Call - Chair Towery
Present: Oliver Tapaha, Wilhelmina Yazzie, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew, Sheryl Livingston, Lane Towery

Others present: Dr. Tamara Allison (Six Directions Indigenous School), Amber Pena (Business Manager), Renee' Cleveland (Recorder), Abby Lewis (SDIS Attorney), Anpao Duta Flying Earth, Clarence Hogue and Aaron Billie (NACA, Inspired Schools Network)
Mission Statement was read by Oliver Tapaha

- III. Approval of Agenda
Lane Towery made a motion seconded by Oliver Tapaha to approve the agenda, moving Actions Items up to item VI following Public Comment.
Roll call vote: Oliver Tapaha, Wilhelmina Yazzie, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew, Sheryl Livingston Lane Towery voted Yes, there were no votes in the negative.

- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
Oliver Tapaha made a motion seconded by Wilhelmina Yazzie to approve the October 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
Roll call vote: Oliver Tapaha, Wilhelmina Yazzie, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew, Sheryl Livingston Lane Towery voted Yes, there were no votes in the negative.

- V. Public Comment
No public comments

- VI. Action Items

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- a. Budget Adjustment Requests, Amber Pena, Business Manager
Wilhelmina Yazzie made a motion seconded by Oliver Tapaha to approve Budget Adjustment Requests fourteen (14) through nineteen (19).
Roll call vote: Oliver Tapaha, Wilhelmina Yazzie, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew, Sheryl Livingston Lane Towery voted Yes, there were no votes in the negative.
- b. Memorandum of Understanding between NACA-Inspired Schools Network (NISN) and Six Directions Indigenous School (SDIS)
Introduction of Duta Flying Earth, Clarence Hogue, and Aaron Billie from the NACA Inspired Schools Network. Dialogue on past support and gratitude of support for Six Directions Indigenous School
Oliver Tapaha made a motion seconded by Wilhelmina Yazzie to approve the MOU between Six Directions Indigenous School and NACA Inspired Schools including the Addendum.
Roll call vote: Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew, Sheryl Livingston, Lane Towery all voted Yes, there were no votes in the negative.

Karen Malone, Board Member joined at 4:59 pm

- c. Return to School Policy
Discussion and explanations and clarifications on the Return to School Policy
Karen Malone made a motion seconded by Oliver Tapaha to approve the Return to School Policy
Roll call vote: Oliver Tapaha, Karen Malone, Wilhelmina Yazzie, Zowie Banteah-Yuselew, Sheryl Livingston, Lane Towery all voted Yes, there were no votes in the negative.

VII. Informational

- a. Finance Report – Amber Peña, SDIS Business Manager
Amber Pena gave the Finance Report
Clarifications and discussion followed
- b. Head Administrator’s Report – Dr. Tamara Allison
Discussion, clarification and comments
- c. School Renewal – Dr. Tamara Allison and Lane Towery
Discussion on concluded site visit and upcoming renewal hearing.
- d. Finance Committee – Karen Malone
Finance Committee met, reviewed GC reports, and picked three random transactions to interrogate from approval through payment.
- e. Indigenous Education Committee – Oliver Tapaha

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Committee met and began planning its future work around mission and instruction at the school. The committee would like to expand to add community members with specific expertise.

VIII. Discussion

a. 2020 Governing Council Annual Calendar

GC reviewed the annual calendar as a reminder of upcoming work and requirements.

b. 2020-2021 Strategic Plan and Head Administrator Report Template

GC and Dr. Allison discussed the development of a Strategic Plan for the next five (5) years after renewal.

c. December Meeting

Next meeting will take place December 21, 2020.

IX. Adjournment

6:36 PM