

MINUTES

Six Directions Indigenous School Governing Council Meeting

2 August 2017

2055 NM-602, Gallup, NM 87301

In attendance: Sam Crowfoot, Oliver Tapaha, and Susan Estrada

Absent: Ben Soce, Madeline Leyba

Others in attendance: Stephanie Vicenti, Amber Pina, and Lane Towery

- I. Call to order at 5:50 PM, Roll Call
 - a. Present: Sam, Oliver, Susan
 - b. Absent: Ben and Madeline
- II. Intros and Welcome
- III. Presentation and Approval of Agenda
 - a. Meeting minutes listed at July 24th are incorrectly listed. Should be July 28th.
 - b. Under 8-a add a discussion item for board training.
 - c. Motion to add discussion item: Sam
 - d. For: Sam, Susan, and Oliver
 - e. Against: None
- IV. Presentation and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Typo: July 12 meeting list minutes as June 12th at the top of the document
 - b. Motion to approve both meeting minutes: Susan
 - c. For: Oliver, Susan, Sam
 - d. Against: None
- V. Public Comment
 - a. None
- VI. Action Items
 - a. Acceptance for Resignation for Board Member Madeline Leyba
 - i. Motion to approve Madeline's resignation: Sam
 - ii. For: Oliver, Sam, and Susan
 - iii. Declaration of board member vacancy
 - b. Declaration of Board Member Vacancy
 - i. We legally have to have at least five members. We have 45 days to add a member. What type of criteria? They have to be a registered voter. We can all brainstorm prospects. Ben might have approached someone. Stephanie will be thinking about people, too. Let's move this discussion to email. All agree instead to come up with at least one prospect for the September 6th meeting. Sam directs Stephanie to advertise the vacancy.
 - ii. Motion to direct Stephanie to advertise our GC vacancy: Sam
 - iii. For: Oliver, Sam, Susan
 - iv. Against: None
 - c. Election of New Officers

- i. Motion to table action item till next meeting: Susan
 - ii. For: Sam, Oliver, Susan
 - iii. Against: None
- d. Board Member Committee Assignments
 - i. Motion to table action item till next meeting: Susan
 - ii. For: Sam, Oliver, Susan
 - iii. Against: None
- e. Discipline Policy and Family Handbook
 - i. Changes have been tracked in a google doc. Parents and staff have provided feedback. Is there a timeline on this? We can approve to have in place by Monday. It includes items about communication that will be important for us to review. Students that receive a D are not failing. Students receiving an F are failing and it should reflect that. It needs to be updated to include the technology agreement we approved.
 - ii. Motion to approve handbook with changes reflected in email: Sam
 - iii. For: Sam, Oliver, Susan
 - iv. Against: None
- f. Budget Adjustments Requests
 - i. Bar #1 – Fund # 25248 Native American Program: This fund does have to be sent by Sept.30th.
 - ii. Bar #2 – Fund # 29138 NISN High Quality Charter School: Also expires Sept. 30th. This goes towards furniture and classroom technology.
 - iii. Both grants will be to be spent by Sept. 30th. Unclear if NACA will be giving more grants throughout the year. They are supposed to be. Who determines what needs to be spent? We're voting to put them into certain line items in the budget.
 - iv. Motion to approve BARs 1 and 2: Sam
 - v. For: Sam, Oliver, Susan
 - vi. Against: None

VII. Information Reports

- a. Head Administrator Report – Stephanie Vicenti
 - i. Stephanie has two English Language Arts teacher interviews yesterday. We had a teacher resign that wants to come back. Stephanie will follow through with scheduled interviews. We did hire a Navajo Language culture teacher who did start today. That's what Stephanie has been spending her time doing. She also got an email from the PED requesting a Safe School Plan (due in February – was not turned in). Stephanie asked for a framework or template and they do not have one. Stephanie has asked for Lane's help and asked for examples form colleagues. What type of repercussions will there be? We just need to get our document together as quickly as possible. It's a huge multi-page plan. Stephanie is also working on the budget and is trying

to figure out how we'll cover staffing costs. What is your core staff/team working with you right now? Four people currently. How many do you need? Four.

b. Business Report

- i. Amber Pena: Looking through out budget, Amber has noticed that purchasing is a concern. We have paid vendors without having a purchase order in place. That will be a finding on our audit. They will be eat Amber's office in Albuquerque first and then will come out to the school Marline has a check list to go through files to make sure everything is in order. To move forward, we will make sure to have POs in place before goods and services are purchased. She has POs from Marline and Josh. This year's budget do not including Amber's financial services. Most of the money is allocated to staff salaries. If no grants come, we will have to make changes to the budget. We projected around 85 students this year (or at least that was the initial conversation). If you go over that projection, we will receive funding on the 40th day. We are aiming for 100 students. We are approaching 85. We are also asking Gallup-McKinley county to release information that they have not yet released. If we have 85 students, do we have enough chrome books for those students? We have 65 now and money that we need to put towards technology.

VIII. Discussion Items

a. New Board Trainings

- i. New regulations that came through on July 1 are specific to Charter Schools. You need to have 10 hours annually, rather than 5. They need to be licensed by the PED. When new members come on, they are supposed to receive a mandatory 7 hours of training before being able to vote on board decisions. Since we added Sam and Oliver before that decision, we most likely do not have to have them be trained in advance. Our new member will need the training. In August there are two dates of training in Albuquerque. Then there will be another in Santa Fe in September. We have until June 30th to get the ten hours done. If we think about going to one, send Sam and email or text message. Sam will do the same thing.

IX. Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:50 PM: Susan

- a. For: Sam, Oliver, Susan
- b. Against: None

Approved by the Six Directions Indigenous School Governance Council this 6th day of September 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Susan Estrada', written over a horizontal line.

Keeper of Records: _____
Susan Estrada

Date: 09-06-2017