

## MINUTES

### Six Directions Indigenous School Governing Council Regular Meeting

01 February 2017

2055 NM 602, Gallup NM 87301

**In attendance:** Ben Soce, Madeline Leyba, Susan Estrada (via phone)

**Absent:** Philmer Bluehouse, Neomi Gilmore

#### Others in attendance:

- Dr. Fonda Charlie, Head Administrator
- Lane Towery, Director of Operations

- I. The mission was read and everyone present introduced themselves.
- II. Approval of agenda:
  - a. Please change the date of the minutes to be approved in item III to "1-17-17"
  - b. Approved by acclamation
- III. Approval of 1-17-17 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve: Madeline
  - b. Yes: Susan, Ben
  - c. No: None
  - d. Abstain: None
- IV. Public Comment
  - a. None
- V. **Reports**
  - a. Financial Report from the Business Manager, Donna Overson
    - i. Donna is not present and no report given
  - b. Report from Lane, Director of Operations
    - i. Enrollment
      1. We're at 50 students again.
      2. We have waiting lists for both grades for this year.
      3. We also have applications coming in for next year.
    - ii. Strategic planning
      1. Planning for next year is starting now.
      2. While our budget is already set at 85 kids, we have a decision to make about whether or not we want to try to exceed that.
      3. Once we decide that number, we need to budget
    - iii. Facilities
    - iv. Food services
    - v. Transportation
  - c. Report from Dr. Charlie, Head Administrator
    - i. In PD this week, we're working on our SAT processes.
    - ii. We're interested in improving how we're serving our lowest students.

- iii. Next year, I'm interested in some tweaks to our daily schedule to allow for more time for differentiated core class support.
- iv. I'm also interested in focusing on getting counseling services for year two. We have a number of youth who would benefit from that.
- v. We're talking about the outreach we need to do as a school to our families. We need to improve the frequency and consistency. I'd like to do more parent nights, like a night to teach families about Restorative Practices or about Google Chrome or about our mission. We still get too many people who push back on our model because they don't understand it, especially our discipline model. We need to engage our parents in our model and our philosophies more. They've been in traditional public schools with a zero tolerance model for many years, and this is a big adjustment.
- vi. We need to engage parents in the JOM committee, Indian Education committee, Safety Plan committee.
- vii. We're in the middle of implementing the Tripod Survey and the winter NWEA right now.
- viii. We've had some issues with proving guardianship of children when people are enrolling. We're working on improving our intake process that shows proof of legal custody.
- ix. Everything right now is about building systems for staff and continuing to build our student culture.
- x. In terms of restorative practices, we're working to make sure all adults in the building understand the model well.
- xi. Finally, Ms. P got a grant award today from Billy Mills' foundation—the Running Strong Dream Keeper Award—for us to take an end of year trip to Mount Taylor.

**VI. Action Items**

- a. Potential action regarding changing the Governing Council Bylaws to reflect a once-monthly rather than twice-monthly meeting.
  - i. Keep in mind the by-laws set the floor. We can change it to read once a month and still meet more than that as long as we follow Open Meetings Act law.
  - ii. It seems like we're at a point when the school can handle once a month. Committees need to be meetings once a month also.
  - iii. Motion to change Article II Section 1 "Frequency of Regular Meetings," first sentence, "two times" to "one time" each month: Madeline
    - 1. Yes: Susan, Ben
    - 2. No: None

3. Abstain: None
- b. Potential action regarding the 2017 Annual Notice of Meeting Resolution.
  - i. Ensure language reads that we will meet first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at Six Directions.
  - ii. Motion to pass the resolution: Ben
    1. Yes: Madeline, Susan
    2. No: none
    3. Abstain: none
- c. Potential action regarding a proposed Child Abuse and Neglect Policy
  - i. These policies are standard.
  - ii. Motion to approve the Child Abuse and Neglect Policy: Madeline
    1. Yes: Susan, Ben
    2. No: none
    3. Abstain: none
- d. Potential action regarding a proposed Identification and Badging Policy.
  - i. Motion to approve the policy: Ben
    1. Yes: Madeline, Susan
    2. No: none
    3. Abstain: none
- e. Potential action regarding a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the NACA-Inspired Schools Network (NISN)
  - i. I think we've discussed this at length.
  - ii. The two changes here are what we discussed last meeting. A few grammatical errors and the length of the term.
  - iii. Motion to approve the MOU: Susan
    1. Yes: Madeline, Ben
    2. No: None
    3. Abstain: none
- f. Potential action regarding Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) for increased Operational Funds Revenues in the amount of \$21,916 based on the 40-day report to be used for teacher wages.
  - i. Motion to approve a BAR to Fund 11000, Operational, SEG increase of \$21,961: Madeline
    1. Yes: Susan, Ben
    2. No: none
    3. Abstain: none

## **Discussion Items**

- VII. Discussion items
  - a. Discussion regarding the draft Governing Council Code of Ethics
    - i. We left these off as a draft about eight months ago.

- ii. Our by-laws state that members shall abide by the code of ethics and so we want to come a point where we find these final.
- iii. We'd like to hear other members' input.
- iv. Let's table it and discuss later.
- v. Everyone read it, please!

Motion to close the meeting: Madeline

Yes: Susan, Ben

No: None

Abstain: None

*Approved by the Six Directions Indigenous School Governance Council this 1st day of March 2017.*



*Keeper of Records:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Susan Estrada*

*Date: 03-01-2017*