Six Directions Indigenous School

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 6, 2016 (5:30 p.m.)

Location: 305 Sunde Street,

Gallup, NM (NIYLP)

Attendance

Present board members and lead organizer:

Philmer Bluehouse

Ben Soce

Susan Estrada

Lane Towery

Absent board members:

Madeline Leyba

Neomi Gilmore

1. Intros and Welcome

Dragon fly activity

Read our mission statement

1. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

**Discussion:**

We should incorporate peace-making process into our policies

Arbitration/making a decision for another person should be the last measure

**Motion:** move to pass meeting minutes (proposed by Philmer Bluehouse)

**Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

1. Public Comment

No discussion/public comments

1. Action Items
   1. By-Laws with changes to background check, public input, and officer titles

**Discussion:**

Changes from previous meeting: board members will need to get new background checks (within 30 days of the election to the board)

Public input: rather than party we said individual or group, request from the

public can be made in written or oral forms

Officer titles were changed to Chair, Assistant Chair, Keeper of Records, Keeper

of Finance

By-Laws can be amended, changed, and made sacred again through review

Like a sacred mountain bundle

Some concerns were raised about the conflict of interest policy

Article II, Section 5: there are two section fives

**Motion:** motion to approve by-laws (proposed by Philmer Bluehouse)

**Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

* 1. Complaint Policy

**Discussion:**

How might we include un-written laws practiced by indigenous folks?

Common law laws

**Motion:** motion to approve Complaint Policy with stipulation that we will seek

an answer to answer the above

question (proposed by Philmer Bluehouse)

**Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

* 1. Selection of Governing Council Officers

**Discussion:**

We have already done this but now we need to make it official

We have two sets of committees (1st set of committees for planning the opening

of the school, 2nd set for running the school)

Philmer recommends that the family advisory committee uses peace-making processes as a method of healing and wellness

One set of committees for before the school is staffed, second set afterward

Proposed positions:

Chair: Ben Soce

Assistant Chair: Philmer Bluehouse

Keeper of Record: Susan Estrada

Keeper of Finance: Madeline Leyba

**Motion:** motion to approve the above position assignments (proposed by Susan

Estrada)

**Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

* 1. Assignment of members to standing committees

**Discussion:**

Family Advisory Committee (students and families): Philmer Bluehouse

Finance Committee: Carmen (School Business Manager), Ben (Chair), Madeline (Keeper of finance),

Head administrator

Facilities: Ben (chair), Susan Estrada

Audit: Carmen(School Business Manager), Ben (Chair), and Madeline (Keeper of Finance)

**Motion:** motion to approve the above position assignments (proposed by

Philmer Bluehouse)

**Votes for:** Ben Soce, Philmer Bluehouse, and Susan Estrada

**Votes against:** None

**Motion approved**

1. Discussion Items
   1. Enrollment Policy

**Discussion:**

Do not have anything to pass currently

1. Work Items
   1. Board of Finance Paperwork

**Done**

1. Lane Report

**Discussion:**

Things are moving quickly with us co-locating with Western

Might have to do minimal work to meet zoning expectations/rules

We are set up in the state’s system to have the different types of insurance we

need

Lane has a big meeting with the state – anyone is welcome to attend

These meetings happen on the 1st Monday of the month

If we attend one of these meetings, we will meet our 5 hrs. training requirement

1. Committee Reports
   1. Facilities and Operations
   2. Wellness

**Discussion:**

Conceptualizing how to be inclusive to all cultures in the area

Do we focus on shared health views? Or do we look at specific cultures?

Experiential and outdoor education can reinforce wellness practices

It will be hard to separate spirituality with religion

Are we looking for common values?

Philmer suggests we get into the issues with people (rather than proselytizing)

Proposed selling point/product (that makes our school distinct): peace-making

process

* 1. Curriculum
  2. Family Engagement
  3. Staff Hiring

1. GC Member Reports

**Discussion:**

Neomi has done a lot to get a youth summit together with Western, NM on

March 29th

We are having a discussion about whether or not we should have our name

attached to the event

We could have a presentation at the event without hosting it

What is the purpose of the summit?

Neomi has put together a series of speakers

These speakers will talk about their successes

Neomi wants kids to see that anything they want to do is possible

We may want to include more than just speakers

We could have kids listen to speakers for half the day

We could also have students do a reflection on our wellness philosophy

We could also have students do another type of activity

We want students to leave with something practical (tangible)

This could be a great day if we also make it interactive

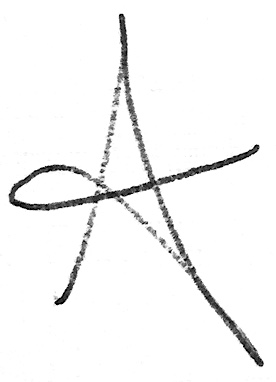
We can go back and forth between lecture and interactive workshops

Spending time with an elder would also be wonderful to include

We need to have a boarder planning session with Neomi

We could host with Western, NIYLP, and SDIS

Let’s plan more as a group (next week, January 13th)

*Approved by the Six Directions Indigenous School Governance Council this 20th day of January 2016.*

*Keeper of Records:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Susan Estrada*

*Date: 01-20-2016*