

**SDIS Regular Governing Council Meeting**

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

5:30pm

Zoom

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| **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 – Dr. Sharon Henderson called meeting to order @5:44 PM

II. Roll Call – Dr. Sharon Henderson

a. Karen Malone, Zowie Banteah, and Wilhelmina Yazzie, Chair Dr. Henderson

b. Others Present: Renee Cleveland, SDIS Program Specialist, Becca Niiha, Head Administrator; Megan Welderburn, TrustEDucation

III. Approval of Agenda

a. Approval of agenda as presented Karen Malone made a motion to approve the agenda for December 26, 2023; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion of the approval of agenda.

b. Roll call vote: Karen Malone-yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Approval of minutes as presented Wilhelmina Yazzie made a motion to approve the minutes for December 07, 2023: Zowie Banteah second the motion of the approval of agenda.

b. Roll call vote: Karen Malone-yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie – yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

V. Public Comment – none at this time

VI. Information Reports

1. Head Administrator’s Report – Rebecca Niiha
   1. Highlights from December 07, 2023 meeting
      1. Enrollment is 62 students
         1. Radio announcements sent out
   2. Professional Development by Ms. Welderburn – unpacking charter mission, in depth facilitation, going back to core of the charter
   3. Policy updates for student safety regarding vaping needed
   4. oHoCommunity resources available for students needing counseling/behavior health identified in Zuni and Navajo communities
2. TrustEDucation Report – Megan Wedderburn
   1. Highlights – team clarity, cohesion, and alignment; strengthen respect and trust; provide in real time example of pedagogical development during 3 day staff retreat
   2. Lowlights – misalignment of staff knowledge of colonization and disenfranchisement of American Indians in Gallup; mindset gaps of that are impediments to SDIS Mission Statement actualized
   3. Spotlights – Resetting SDIS Team with in person training the week of January 15, 2024; working with IECs (AmeriCorp volunteers); SDIS Strategic Plan INDIGENEITY Strategic Plan for 2024-2025; supporting SDIS Seniors

VII. Discussion and Action Items

* School Finance Approval Items
* Budget Adjustment Reports – none at this time
* Impact Aid Application Approval – IPPS – will present final application January 23, 2023
* School Policies & Protocols Approval – Governing Council suggests that our solicitor reviews the policies so we are in accordance; also to check within the NISN network to see if similar policies are available
* Upcoming Calendar – recommendation to be sent to Governing Council a month in advance so we may be informed, or present so we can support the school
* Staff PD
* Student Events
* Grant Applications
* Personnel Items
* Personnel Matters (Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) and (H)(8) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.
* Personnel
* Dismissals
* Hearing
* Wilhelmina Yazzie makes a motion to go into Executive Closed Session; Karen Malone second the motion
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone-yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie – yes, Dr. Henderson – yes, (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
* Karen Malone made a motion to go into Open Session; Wilhelmina Yazzie second this motion
* Dr. Henderson stated that we are back in Open Session motion by Karen Malone and Wilhelmina Yazzie roll call vote:
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone-yes, Zowie Banteah – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie – yes, Dr. Henderson – yes, (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
* Special Meeting will be Friday December 29th, 2023 at 11:30 AM; hybrid and zoom link will be provided in announcement posted on school website

VIII. Next Scheduled Board Meeting, **January 30, 2024 (correction – next meeting is January 23, 2024)**

IX. Adjourn @7:17 PM