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**SDIS Regular Governing Council Meeting**

April 30, 2024

Hybrid: Zoom & SDIS Commons

5:30 PM

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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. Henderson, Chairperson called meeting to order @5:35 P.M.

 II. Roll Call - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson

1. Karen Malone, Wilhelminia Yazzie, Zowie Banteah, and Chair Dr. Henderson
2. b) Others Present: Aaron Savoia, School Business Manager; Renee Cleveland, SDIS Program Specialist; Becca Niiha; Ophelia Manning-Largo, SDIS Guidance Counselor; Georgiana Desiderio, Caleb Kallestewa, student; Jennifer Russell

III. Approval of Agenda

1. Karen Malone made an amendment to make a motion to amend the agenda for April 30, 2024; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion of the approval of agenda. It is to include the introduction of two new board members and to make an action item under Section VIII, Letter C. This motion is also to to approve today’s agenda
2. 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

1. Approval of minutes Karen Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from April 01, 2024 Meeting; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion of the approval of agenda.
2. 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 – Student comment from Caleb Kallestewa shared a Comanche song; Ophelia Manning-Largo introduction, Guidance Counselor SDIS

VI. Introduction of Possible Board Members

1. Georgiana Desiderio introduction from Church Rock, NM

VII. Information Reports

1. Head Administrator’s Report
	1. Enrollment: 3 new students and 1 withdrawn, enrollment is now at 65.
	2. EASIE Grant Application Part II was submitted.
	3. RLIS Application being submitted. Deadline is May 10, 2024
	4. Finished MSSR Testing within compliance the week of April 8, 2024
	5. SAT testing 100% completion.
	6. ASR testing makeups this week: Middle School 60% completion, 95% is

required by New Mexico.

* 1. NWEA is rostered and testing starts May 7-9 and makeup testing 14-16.
	2. NMPED Site Visit - Highly impressed with SDIS
	3. Out of Compliance with Governing Board Members needed and training.
	4. NMDASH Plan needs to be submitted, training occurring prior to

submission

* 1. School Safety Plan re-due May 1st
	2. Personnel – new guidance counselor; candidate for ELA; in need of Math teacher
	3. Events - SDIS hosted a school from New Zealand on April 29, 2024. Students danced Butterfly Dance and New Zealand danced and sang.
	4. Saturday, May 18, students will be dancing Butterfly Dance at the Gallup

Cultural Center from 12:15 - 12:45.

* 1. SDIS Graduation is May 24 at 5:30 pm, 8th Grade Promotion is May 24 at

10:00 am both at El Morro Theater.

* 1. Upcoming School Events include a fishing trip and field day.
	2. Our school will be participating in the NISN Indigenous Farm Hub hosted

by NISN’s land in Corrales June 11-14.

* 1. Students will be presenting to NMPED and dancing during the PED summer

conference June 12-14 (date TBD).

* 1. Gallup Cultural Center will be meeting with SDIS to support Cultural Arts,

Music, History, and Dance with SDIS students for the remainder of the year

and planning for 2024/25 from a grant they procured

* 1. Budget - Vigil Group and SDIS collaborated on the school budget for 2024/25.
1. School Budget Report – Aaron Savoia
	1. Summary Report shared – Revenues Report
	2. Expenditures Report
	3. Purchase Orders Report
	4. Bank Registry Report
2. Charter School Audit Findings
	1. Report presented by Mrs. Niiha, Head Administrator
		1. Shared where we are Meeting Standards, Working to Meet Standard, and Areas of Concern
		2. EOY follow-ups will happen and Board Training flagged for GC members
3. Graduation
	1. Guidance Counselor had meetings with parents and students
	2. Keeping track of seniors and their standing; information shared
	3. Students are still working on their online courses for requirements
	4. Graduation date is May 24th at El Morro Center at 5:30 PM; 8th Grade Promotion at 10:00 AM on May 24th
	5. Senior Banquet will be May 22, 2024
	6. 13 potential graduates; Next Step Plans in progress
4. Upcoming Activities and Summer Programming
	1. GC Members have a Work Session at the Law Office of Wiggins Williams & Wiggins on Friday afternoon May 3rd, 2024 and Saturday May 4, 2024
	2. PED Cultural Dancing in June
	3. Farm Hub Visit in June
	4. Inviting AISES back to campus
	5. Summer School planning – date TBA

VIII. Discussion and Action Items

1. School Finance Approval Items
	1. Budget Adjustment Reports
		1. Bar 0034-IB increase bar for food services
		2. Bar 0035-T– transfer funds Title I for Guidance Counselor
		3. Bar 0036-T – operational transfer from supply assets to various student services
		4. Bar0037-T – transfer to operation and maintenance
		5. Karen Malone made a motion to accept BAR 0034-IB, 0035-T, 0036-T, and 0035-T; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion
		6. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
2. Proposed Calendars 2024/25 School Year
	1. Surveyed stakeholders
	2. Start date August 6, 2024; Staff start date August 1, 2024
	3. GC shared items to add and delete; changes to proposal
	4. Karen Malone made a motion to table the Proposed Calendar till next month; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion
	5. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
3. New board member (Amendment added prior to approval of agenda tonight)
	1. Karen Malone made a motion to approve Georgiana Desiderio for a new Governing Council Member; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion.
	2. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

IX. Discussion and Action Items: (Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) and (H)(8) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

* Candidates for Instruction
* Termination of Administrative Assistant
* Karen Malone made a motion to go into closed session; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion.
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgiana Desiderio – yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
* Karen Malone made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Georgiana Desiderio – yes; Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
* GC Chair announced we are now out of Executive Session and have some action items to address
* Wilhelmina Yazzie made a motion to approve Natalie Valdez as the English and Visual Art Instructor, Karen Malone second that motion.
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Georgiana Desiderio – yes; Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
* Wilhelmina Yazzie made a motion to approve the termination of our Administrative Assistant; Karen Malone second that motion
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Georgiana Desiderio – yes; Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
* GC Chair – Dr. Henderson reminder of Work Session Friday and Saturday May 3-4, 2024

X. Approval of Contracts

* Candidates – Natalie Valdez approved for English and Visual Art Instructor

XI. Next Scheduled Board Meeting, **May 28, 2024**

XII. Adjourn @ 7:07 PM