

Bdote Learning Center
American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC)
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AGENDA
December 15, 2023
4:00 – 6:00PM

1. Prayer, Feast, Smudge

- Record Attendance
- Melissa Perez (AIPAC Chair), John Bobolink (Community Member), Tedi Grey Owl (Grandparent) via Zoom, Alice McBride (Parent) via Zoom, Korissa Howes (BLC Director), Kate Stemper (BLC Teacher), Dustin Peyton (BLC Teacher), Monica “Binesiikwe” Briggs (BLC Teacher), Valencia Little Thunder (BLC Parent)

2. Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order at: 4:32 PM.

3. BLC AIPAC By Laws

- Required for Compliance with Federal Title VI due Feb. 1, 2024
- Look over copy of MPS & Independent School District 196
- Choose a format for BLC by-laws & make edits.
 - AIPAC likes the format of Independent School District header on the side.
 - AIPAC wants the smaller by-laws that are 4 pages.
 - The smaller by-laws match the size of BLC in terms of student numbers and parent numbers.
 - **Quorum:** Tedi votes that our quorum be 2 members quorum, 3-member present.
 - Staff are non-voting member; students can be voting members. Student participants need a release form to sign name to committee roster and AIPAC minutes. Minors need parent permission. Suggested we invite middle schoolers as members.
 - **Duties:** Only have a Chair to make it workable for current situation, until we build up better participation. Goal is to have 5 consistent members.
 - Meetings: Held monthly – suggestions skipping July, but some people still want to meet – July meeting could help plan Open House for school.
 - **Terms:** Chair has a 2-year term
 - **Removal:** Child is no longer a member school when they miss more than 1 meeting
 - **Notice:** Yearly AIPAC schedule posted on website before school year. Indian Education staff will notify families with at least 24 hours’ notice prior to meeting. Suggestion to have it on BLC calendar but those dates need to be picked before June when its approved by the Board.
 - Use simple language in the by-laws – don’t make it too wordy.
 - **Order of Business:** Do not want this in by laws.
 - **Code of Conduct:** expectation is that work in a positive and collaborative manner.
 - **Conflict of Interest:** Husband and Wife signing off on documents is a conflict of interest.
 - **Election and Term of Office:** In person voting at Annual Meeting in July during the Open House.
 - **Committee Members:** Must attend 4 or more meetings in a school year to be a voting member, but all parents are welcome to come and comment.
 - **Public Comment:** Public can ask to add item to an agenda before the meeting begins. The committee can vote to add the item to agenda. Public comment is encouraged only if it is about the agenda items.

- **Grievance Policy:** Redirect parents/guardians to follow the BLC Grievance policy and take it to the Board of Directors
- **Amendments:** bylaws may be adopted and renewed by majority vote at any scheduled meeting. Review every 2 years.
- **Subcommittee:** Don't apply to us, we don't need this.
- **Place of Meeting:** Regular meetings will take place at BLC and over zoom. All meetings shall be open to public.
- **Rationale:** Says Bdote Learning Center AIPAC exists to ensure Native American parental involvement in the education of Native American children in BLC District 4226-07 in accordance with Indian Education Act.
- **Powers:** Assurances, Authority, Advisory
- Vote to adopt by laws. – Tabled for Next Meeting with a By Law Draft to Vote On.
 - _____ (name of person who) makes a motion to adopt _____ (list school name) by-laws with edits to (include edits to document) _____.
 - Edit example: “any place it says MPS will say BLC.”
 - ___ # vote yes, ___ # vote no, ___ # abstain, motion (circle one) does not carry / carries.

4. BLC JOM Committee

- Select JOM Chair – Parent of JOM Eligible Student
 - _____ (name of person who) makes a motion to seat _____ (name of person) as Chair of the JOM Committee.
 - ___ # vote yes, ___ # vote no, ___ # abstain, motion (circle one) does not carry / carries.
- Edit BLC JOM by-laws.
 - _____ (name of person who) makes a motion to adopt JOM by-laws from _____ (list school name) with edits to (include edits to document) _____.
 - Edit example: “any place it says MPS will say BLC.”
 - ___ # vote yes, ___ # vote no, ___ # abstain, motion (circle one) does not carry / carries.

5. Family Engagement

- Want event to happen to help recruit more.
- Want to get to know the other parents.
- Want incentives or small gift for every meeting.
- Seasonal concerts of music or plays.

6. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at: 6:51 PM.