

Bdote Learning Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Oct. 22, 2013
Notes

Board members present: Louise Matson, Elaine Salinas, Joe Rice, Heather Reynolds, Tony Scallon, Cindy Ward, Laura Waterman Whittstock, Becky Beane, Graham Hartley

Non-Board members present: Phil Moye & Bob Wedl from IQS, Jane Harstad, Larry Leventhal, Matt Stark

Elaine called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

A change in order was made to the agenda by Elaine. Becky made a motion to approve the agenda. Joe seconded the motion. Approve.

Joe made a motion to approve minutes from our Sept. 25, 2013 meeting. Heather seconded the motion. Approved.

Elaine gave a report from the Chair. Roxanne Gould was hired as the start up coordinator Oct. 1. DIW is donating office space for Bdote. The official address of the school will be changed from MIGIZI to DIW. Louise will do on-line and update our articles of incorporation to reflect this change. Bdote will contract with GMCC CFO Peter Lee for some financial work until we hire a company such as Small Business Solution.

We reviewed the amended by-laws with our attorney Larry Leventhal. Our first by-laws were adapted from DIW's by-laws and needed to be amended to reflect charter school law. Larry used many sources for these by-laws such as by-laws from another school and the law. The board spent over an hour reviewing the document and made several changes. Some of the major highlights include:

- changing our month of our annual meeting from September to October.
- designating the terms for board members. Once the school is open, we will need to have a teacher and a parent on board. The law requires that we need to do this following commencement of the first year of school or 2015. The current board will now have terms until 2015.
- added school's website as place for public notices,
- requiring a majority plus one for votes. This is what Bob recommends. It will require greater responsibility from the board as we will need to have a most board members in attendance at our monthly meetings. Tony made a motion to approve the by-laws, Cindy seconded the motions. Approved.

Larry will make the revisions and send them to Louise, who as secretary will sign them. These will be collected by IQS along with our articles of incorporation and certificate of incorporation.

All the board members present signed the required annual assurances. JoAnn was not present but had signed it and Graham brought it to the meeting. Louise will make copies and they will also be collected by IQS.

The calendar of Bdote board meetings for the next year was distributed. This was sent out previously via e-mail.

We reviewed our contract with IQS. This contract reflects our affidavit. Tony made a motion to approve the contract. Laura seconded the motion. Approved. Elaine signed the contract and gave it to Bob.

We reviewed an agreement to work with Charter School Partners for the startup year. This includes High Bar training for the board and help with Walton start up application. The cost of \$15,000 will be paid for through the ANA grant. There is also a second year of activities that we will likely contract with CSP, but we did not include that in this proposal as we will need to make sure we have the funding in place. Tony made a motion to approve the contract. Cindy seconded the motion. Approved.

Committees: we were unable to get a report from all the committees because of time constraints. Jane was prepared to give an update from the curriculum committee, but will have to do so at the next board meeting. Louise gave a report from facilities committee. The agreement with our realtor has been signed and sent in. Paul and CSP all emphasized to the start up committee the need to identify our facility as soon as we can. This is key to recruiting students and faculty. Paul let us know there is a shortage of space in South Minneapolis and we may have to compromise, especially on green space.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 20 2:30 pm at the Division of Indian Work.

Submitted by Louise Matson