

Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2018

Bbote Learning Center

3216 E 29th St. Minneapolis 55406

Meeting Notes taken by Michele Fluhr Fraser

1. Opening Items

A. Attendees:

Board Members: Louise Matson, Joe Rice, Beth Brown, Michele Fluhr Fraser, Graham Hartley

Guests: Cindy Ward- Thompson, Kevin Smokeyday, Angela Papenfuss, Naabek Liberty, Nicole Schmidt

B. Louise called to order 4:45 pm

C. Review mtg agenda- CWT req addition of MIAC support letter to Sect 4 new business

Motion to approve agenda and change: GH; Second: JR; approved**

D. Review Board meeting minutes from 03/26/18

GH asked do we post the leadership report on the website when we post the monthly meeting notes- discussion- agreed no; haven't in past and interested parties can attend mtg to hear that info

Motion to approve minutes: JR; Second BB; approved**

2. Finance Report

A. March Financials – GH- we met, reviewed and Nicole will summarize

B. Nicole described state holdback; expld mini audit with new state staff; in May should receive 9-11k of hold back; in Aug we will get 30% from prev sch year hold back; our OD plan was approved by MDE; rev income statement.

C. MFF asked if bank change is part of the Finance Report- no but Cindy added that process will occur over summer.

GH made single motion to approve Financials and Checks report; MFF second; approved**

3. Leadership Report

See Cindy's document. Some items have additional info: 3. ADSIS \$ pays for Tier 2 interventions; 7. MIAC is due 4/27 (not 5/4/27); 8. we got approved for 2 reading and 1 math and Lisa wants to come back; 9. security co decision will continue into next meeting; 10. Student LZC will be making opening statement at Bush event; 12. Lyla June is dedicating her tour to our school; 14. Rob Callihan new para; 18. Internet e-rate in process; 19. NoVo \$ still waiting, should get final answer by 5/5/18; 22. Bdote Royalty is changing to "ambassadors" 23. Science Fair is 4/27 and mn academy of Sciences is coming in to help judge – cool networking opp- AP volunteered her hubby to judge.

Motion to ratify the new hire, GH; Second, MFF; approved **

Motion to accept leadership report, GH; Second, JR; approved **

Item 4. New Business

- A. Committee Updates: AP gave update on Elders Committee- 6 Ojibwe interested; 3 Dakota so far, 3 more possible. Logistics of participation getting ironed out- quarterly meetings- transportation etc- what is expected- what is the role etc.
- B. MIAC support letter: Motion to approve Cindy's letter of support for the MIAC grant and Louise to sign said letter for funding to be used for the writing of assessments in Ojibwe and Dakota, JR; Second, GH; approved **

Item 5. Vote: Record Retention and Destruction Policy #718-

Review and questions; Motion to approve policy #718, MFF; Second, BB; approved **

Item 6. Vote: Whistleblower Policy #302-

Review and questions; Motion to approve policy #302, JR; second, BB; approved **

Item 7. Public Comment

Naabek- things going on here are amazing and solid; big improvements from last visit; re Elders committee; as they gel, make sure they are not just here for culture, or just language; but find some that want to come to Board meeting and get involved in the mechanics and goings on of the school; re other immersion efforts around, let's recognize that many have fallen and we are still standing!! Redouble our efforts on language and developing the the immersion environment; hire new teachers and staff with emphasis on language proficiency; find ways to support the staff's ongoing language learning; lots of rah! rah! for our achievements; Put time into Kevin's Imminence letter for teaching credentials- (CWT will do that); what happened to the books Naabek wrote- CWT said Elisa is uploading- doing something to finish the project and we will be using them. We, the Board and community must be pushing at the state level to change teaching credentialing model and what it means to be highly qualified to teach our kids and our language.

Angela- had some questions about how we are promoting the immersion environment and how we might improve on supporting the language learning; scheduling language tables at different proficiency levels and for including all staff; ways to create a culture of ongoing learning for everyone in our school community etc. CWT said PD scheduled for 5/18/18 is dedicated to planning for this issue- AND we have 3 teachers earning their masters degrees this MAY!!

Louise- we need to be educated on how to lobby and advocate at the state level to write and sponsor a bill to participate in the law making of educating our children- summer there will be a training- and

Naabek added he knows some experts up north who have done this- Les Harper, etc. We will collaborate and get involved – learn from their experience.

(MFF so things are not happening to us or at us, but rather by us and for us.)

Motion to adjourn, GH; second, MFF; approved**