**Board of Directors Meeting APRIL FINAL**

**Bdote Learning Center**

**3216 E. 29th St.**

**Minneapolis, MN 55406**

**April 27, 2020**

**4:30-6:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

*Special Note: Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the April 2020 Board of Directors meeting is conducted via Zoom digital platform in order to comply with Governor Walz’s Emergency Executive Order 20-41 which extends school closing and distance learning through the end of the school year.*

*All votes will be made using individual rollcall conducted by the Board Chair.*

1. **Opening Items**
2. Record Attendance

Board Members: *Autumn Dillie; Jenn Hall; Louise Mattson; Graham Hartley; Joe Rice; Kat Anthony-Wigle; Michele Fluhr Fraser. Pam Gokey joined at 4:49*

 Guests: *Nichole Schmidt, CLA; Cindy Ward-Thompson, Director of Administration*

1. Call the Meeting to Order

*Autumn Dillie, Chair: 4:37* *pm*

1. Approve Agenda for April meeting

 *AD: is there a motion to approve agenda? LM motion, second, JH.*

 *AD: roll call vote: LM, yea; JH, yea; GH, yea; KA-W, yea; MFF, yea; JR, yea.*

*AD: Motion passes.*

1. Approve minutes from March board meeting

 *JH notes that March mtg ended at 5:41pm*

 *AD: is there a motion to approve March minutes? KA-W, second: JH.*

 *AD: roll call vote: KA-W, yea; GH, yea; LM, yea; JR, yea; MFF, yea; JH, yea; PG, yea..*

*AD: Motion passes.*

1. **Finance: Graham Hartley, Board Treasurer**

1. Review and approve March Financials

*GH asks Nichole Schmidt to go over March financials and checks.*

*NS: March Financials show us at 75% of year; total revenue rec’d at 78%; enrollment is synced up; MDE owes from last year’s holdback 109,000 (30k s/b here May 15); grand total owed 536,000 hold back; 400k balance on LOC so this is safe; budget for next year does not include the Covid stimulus money s/b approx. 20k extra to pay for food, tech, devices, extra duty, payroll, etc., very loose language requirements for use.*

*NS asks CWT Any changes to Q-Comp reporting? CWT said no.*

1. Review and approve checks/deposits

*AD: is there a motion to approve March financials and checks? Motion, GH, second JH.*

 *AD: roll call vote: JH, yea; KA-W, yea; LM, yea; PG, yea; GH, yea; JR, yea; MFF, yea.*

 *AD: Motion passes.*

**3. Leadership Report presented by Cindy Ward-Thompson**

*CWT reviewed the written Leadership Report document via “Share Screen” feature in Zoom meeting.*

 *Other news and discussion not presented in shared screen document:*

* *CW-T reported MIWRC has suspended all mental health therapy- staff are laid off- appears it may be a long-term situation; serious concerns for our kids who need services.*
* *LM what other community resources – NACC or IHB; LM can we reach out to Allyssa Waka governors point person for native – Robin Raven out of Tina smith office- we have got to push back on AD speaks to both Allyssa and raven almost weekly and is willing to set up a Zoom meeting. LM we need to reach out and find a way to get these services to our kids - we have really strong advocates at the state level and is willing to contact them- we can lean into for this.*
* *Biidaasigekwe and Cindy were interviewed by Minnesota Native Newson radio on how we are reaching our students and community via distance learning model.*
* *The McKinney-Vento dept at MDE wants us to present on how we work with HHM students.*
* *LM lots of kudos- LM suggested staff may deserve a little bonus? can we use the Covid stimulus $ for this? hazard pay or extra duty pay; CWT will talk with the finance committee about that possibility; NS said naming the payment under ‘Extra duty’ should be ok.*

*\*Note: JR left meeting.*

**4. Committee Reports**

*AD: requests updates.*

 **Governance Committee –**

*GH: at the time we met, it was a super brief meeting; we had three policies scheduled for review; agreed it was hard to make any policy review a priority given the Covid status; we agreed to put a hold on reviewing policy/ies every month until the covid thing slows down; for April, we decided only the Back Ground check policy would be reviewed.*

*GH said we found some existing policies at other charters, using BCA vs FBI; who pays; should we have two diff ones for staff and volunteers, JH requested Board read the policy DRAFT that was shared today and send comments or questions to her. We will bring them to governance meeting for edits and will bring to April Board meeting for vote. (Background Check Policy Draft document attached.)*

**Others Committee Reports/Updates**-

 *AD: any other committee reports?*

 *NONE*

**5. New Business**

*A. Bdote Lease Extension Approval-*

*CW-T reports: realtor and church want the lease extension with $7000 for building improvements- such as water filter dispensers, new countertops in bathrooms, that sort of thing. LM says the church likes us and has been good to us. GH added there is $3000 designated in the lease for expenses related to code and safety improvements i.e. asbestos and radon.*

 *AD: is there a motion to approve the lease as written? GH motion; JH second.*

 *AD: roll call vote: JH yea; KA-W yea; GH yea; PG yea; LM yea; MFF yea.*

 *AD: motion passes.*

*B. New building plans- LM shares that we still have a bond request for Bdote to get the $ we need to start a plan that will be heard by Mn State Senator Jeff Hayden- there still is the Minneapolis Public Schools Cooper Community School building, but wouldn’t it be nice to have something we design- brand new for us?*

**6. Public Comment**

 *NONE*

**7.****Adjourn meeting**

*AD is there a Motion to adjourn? LM motion; AD accepted;*

 *AD Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm*