

**Board of Directors Meeting
Bdote Learning Center
3216 E 29th St. Minneapolis, MN 55406
May 24, 2021
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Record Attendance and Guests:

Board members present Louise M., Sisoka D., Tedi G.O., Arthur L, Barry H., Jewel A., Autumn D. Robert P.

Board members absent: Mary H., Odia W.K.

Guests: Mick D., Beth B., Graham H., Veronica P.B. Luli A., (IQS), Maggie L., Carol C.T., Liz C., Corey W.B., Shea P., Kevin P., Irene Z.

Meeting called to order at 4:46 pm

Jewel made a motion to approve the agenda, Robert seconded. Approved.

Louise made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 Minutes. Jewel seconded. Approved.

Robert made a motion to approve the April 26, 2021 Minutes. Arthur seconded. Approved.

Statement of Conflict of Interest given. None made.

April 2021 financials and check register presented by Michael Dudero, CLA. Louise made a motion to approve and accept the checks. Jewel seconded. Approval did not pass and is tabled pending research in to where the funds are that were raised to purchase a special water bottle accessible drinking fountain for the school. A fundraiser for this was held two years ago. Autumn will check for the exact date and Veronica and Mick will see where/and if the funds are deposited so the purchase can be made.

Interim Director Veronica Peterson-Briggs gave her report.

a. Personnel Changes:

Iva Bunker (Rasmusson) will be retiring on June 18th, 2021.

Emily Kunze (Schwartz) resigned and their last day is on May 28th, 2021.

Elisa Waukazo was terminated from Bdote learning Center on May 24th, 2021

b. The Language Policy for the school was reviewed and commented on. This is still under revision and in fact is a document that will be revised every year. Barry made a motion to approve it. Arthur seconded. Approved.

c. Event Planning:

Dakota Kindergarten graduation June 9th, 2021

Ojibwe Kindergarten graduation June 7th, 2021

Dakota 8th grade graduation June 2nd, 2021

Ojibwe 8th grade graduation June 8th, 2021

All event groups are scheduled to be outside and to have masks for unvaccinated attendees (unless eating/drinking). They are 12:30-1:30.

d. COVID Response Update:

Dakota 8th grade students were given the option to opt into in-person learning, numbers are limited. We also had parent/guardians sign waivers.

Ojibwe K-2, Ojibwe 3-5 and Dakota 1-2 switched to 4 days a week for hybrid learning.

Guidance's from MDE was provided last week about school settings wearing masks. We are requiring staff to continue wearing masks due to all students being unable to become vaccinated.

1. New business:

- a. The vote for a new secretary was tabled as there were no volunteers and no nominations.
- b. Louise made a motion to apply for a two-year extension to our contract with our authorizer, IQS. Jewel seconded. Approved.
- c. BLC is applying for lease aid, and as part of the application a certification must be signed by each board member. This page will be sent out and should be returned by Friday, May 28.
- d. Iva was our AOR for ANA, and as she is retiring, the board will need to vote on another one. We tabled this vote until we hire the permanent director.
- e. Barry made a motion to approve our Designs for Learning Contracts for Human Resources and for Technology. Jewel seconded the motion. Approved.
- f. Committee Reports:
Search Committee: has conducted first and second interviews and will be meeting to make a final recommendation to the board.

Parent Committee: Maggie L. reviewed the non-concurrence vote with the board. The parent committee wants to know who sends it in to MDE, the committee or the school. Veronica will make calls and follow up with the co-chair as to next steps. The parent committee would also like a staff liaison and is working on by-laws

Development and Strategic Planning. The committee has met but the chair had to leave the meeting as we ran over time. Arthur requested that these report are moved to top of agenda so we can receive the report from Sisoka.

Curriculum Committee: No report.

District Advisory Council: No report

Finance Committee: Working on budget revision for current year and next years' budget. Must be completed and approved by June 30.

2. Old business:

Board Training Reminder. Luli reviewed the requirements for training and where to get the required training for both new and returning board members. These are statutory requirements and must be followed.

Ceremony Pay Recommendation: None given, but the PTO policies at the school need to be revised/updated and this would be part of the project.

Calendar update: No recommendation given but it would be hard to accommodate the needs of both the Dakota and Ojibwe communities. The two schools, one district idea was discussed.

3. Public comment: Shea Peeples, an Intern at BLC, has done research around best practices at immersion schools and will present at the June board meeting.
4. Autumn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59. Adjourned.

