

Run for the Bdote Learning Center Board of Directors

An election for the Bdote Learning Center Board of Directors ends Oct. 26, 2020! Nominations are due by October 6, 2020!

We encourage parents and guardians, teachers, and community members to nominate themselves or another person for the Board of Directors election by printing and filling out the nomination form at the bottom of this message. If you nominate someone else, please ensure that they agree to serve on the board if they are elected to the board at the October 2020 annual meeting. Board members are seated and begin their term at the November 2020 meeting.

What is the Board of Directors?

The Bdote Learning Center Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring the adherence to and the fulfilling of the Bdote Learning Center mission. They do this through offering advice, counsel, and guidance to staff; setting policy; monitoring programming; fiscal monitoring; and financial support/fundraising. They generate and provide support for the Bdote Learning Center, raise funds, secure in-kind contributions, arrange or give technical assistance, and network to secure those things necessary for program operation. Expectations of Board Members include:

1. Regularly and timely review of all materials relating to Bdote operations, received at or between Board meetings.
2. Advocate for Bdote within the local neighborhood and the Twin Cities community.
3. Regularly attend the Board of Directors meeting.
4. Regularly attend one or more monthly board committee meetings. Participate in at least one committee.
5. A board member may be replaced for failure to fulfill above stated responsibilities.

Who is eligible to serve?

We have three openings for the Board of Directors. Candidates must be unrelated members and should fall into one of the following categories: a licensed teacher employed by the school in a teaching capacity or providing instruction under contract between the charter school and a cooperative; a parent/legal guardian of a student enrolled in the charter school who is not an employee of the school; an interested community member who is not employed by the school and does not have a child enrolled in the school (charter school law).

What is required to serve?

Members are generally elected for a three-year term. The Governing Board meets once per month during the school year, generally on the fourth Monday of the month at 4:30 pm at the school. Additional meetings may also be required. Board members are expected to chair or actively serve on a committee. All board members must complete mandatory training within the first year. All board members must also pass a background check prior to being elected for the BOD.

What kinds of skills are useful to the Board?

If you are interested in serving on the Board and have non-profit management experience, fundraising experience, accounting/financial oversight skills, leadership and communication skills, an interest in education and/or familiarity with our school, Dakota or Ojibwe immersion experience, or indigenous cultural knowledge, please consider running for the Board.

Schedule for the Election:

Friday, September 19, 2020 - Nomination forms are posted and distributed.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 - Deadline for nomination forms to be turned into the BLC office or via email to emilys@bdote.org.

Monday October 12, 2020 – Ballots are distributed to all eligible voters. Eligible voters are:

- Staff members employed at the school, including teachers providing instruction under a contract with a cooperative
- Members of the current Board of Directors
- All parents/legal guardians of children enrolled in the school

Oct. 26, 2020 – Ballots are due in the BLC office by 4:30 PM

Oct. 26, 2020 – Ballots are counted by BLC BOD at the annual meeting

November 2, 2020 – Results are announced via BLC Facebook, BLC Website and flyers to the school community.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Hall at jhall.mn@gmail.com

**BLC Board of Directors
NOMINATION FORM 2020**

NOMINATION FORM IS DUE IN THE OFFICE OR BY EMAIL BY 4:30 PM Thursday, October 8, 2020.

You may also email this form to Emily Schwarting at EmilyS@bdote.org

Name of Nominee	
Address	
Phone Number	
E-Mail	
Circle One:	Parent Teacher Community Member
Tribal Affiliation, if applicable	

Please write or attach a statement about why you want to serve on the board and any experience that could be useful. Please try to limit your statement to no more than 100 words. This statement will be on the ballots.