

Board of Directors Meeting

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Bdote Learning Center

Board of Directors Meeting  
January 27, 2020  
Board Meeting Minutes

Bdote Learning Center  
3216 E. 29th St.  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

## 1. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

Board Members: *Autumn Dillie, Michele Fluhr Fraser, Kat Anthony-Wigle, Graham Hartley, Joe Rice, Jenn Hall, Louise Matson*

Guests: *Nichole Schmidt, CLA; Luli Axhijaj, IQS; Cindy Ward- Thompson, BLC Director*

Board Members Absent: *Mary Hermes, Pam Gokey*

### B. Call the Meeting to Order: *Autumn Dillie 4:38pm*

### C. Approve Agenda with ADDITIONS: *revised loan amount from 385,000 to 400,000 (+15,000)*

*Motion to approve: JR Second: GT vote: motion carries*

### D. Approve minutes from September and December 2019 board meetings - *Autumn Dillie*

*Changes include: correcting spelling of members' names and adding last names*

*Motion w/changes: GH Second: LM vote: motion carries*

## 2. Finance Report - December Financials Review - *Nichole Schmidt*

*Motion to approve dec financial & checks: GH Second: JR Vote: motion carries*

*Agenda addition: INcreased line of credit - Propel put through 400,000 instead of the originally approved 385,000*

*Motion to approve: GH Second: LM Vote: motion carries*

## 3. Leadership Report

*Presented by Cindy Ward-Thompson - See attached document*

*Discussion about Family Immersion Camp - developing plans for curriculum*

## 4. New Business

*A. LOI for lease continuation Presented by Cindy w/ ends June 30; draft from Cushman-Wakefield to continue another (and final) 3 year lease-*

*Some special issues: asbestos and radon testing; building improvement allowance*

*Motion to approve the LOI JR; second JH; vote: motion carries*

*B. Calendar approval 2020-2021 Presented by CWT*

*Notes: 2 weeks intersession both fall and spring; Family Camp*

*Motion to approve calendar JH; second LM; Vote: motion carries*

*C. Board Training Requirements Update Presented by CWT*

*Three mandatory; one must be completed within 6 months of seating; all members must also complete one additional training per year; BLC will pay costs; CWT will contact Mary and Pam with info.*

*D. Board Committee Selection/Assignments: GH discusses participation and opportunities-*

- i. Governance Committee: Officers of the Board- Meets once a month TBD.*
- ii. Finance Committee: GH and MFF - we invite any and all to participate- Meets once a month the hour before our regular Board meeting.  
GH and MFF will continue.*
- iii. Parent Committee: AD shared info - need to update membership- how to increase participation and still ensure parent safe-space and discussion.  
AD will continue; Jenn added as back-up if AD can't make it to a meeting.*
- iv. Relicensure Committee: meets three times per year- need to have at least one Board member appointed.  
Currently J H is on, will continue in this role, Kat adding herself.*
- v. Curriculum: Jenn Hall explained they meet PRN- may be included with the reading level projects going forward.  
Joe adding himself; Kat adding herself.  
Jenn taking herself off.*
- vi. Personnel Committee: meets as needed and at least once a year.  
Louise will continue, Joe and Autumn will join.*
- vii. District Advisory Committee: meets quarterly and reports to board; GH explains the best part is the all-staff potluck and great participation, conversation, testing data, World's Best Workforce Initiative-  
GH will continue, Kat will join.*
- viii. Elder Council Planning Committee: GH says the cool part is that it's not a typical committee that other charter schools throughout the country would have- it evolved out of parent requests to create it and show respect and need for the Elders as Bdote makes decisions- Need to meet once or twice a year.  
PAM GOKEY was assigned to be the board rep for this committee-  
(was not in attendance at this meeting 012720)*

*xiv. Fund Development Committee: GH wants it a bit more of a deeply involved group that works on grant opps, 'fund-raising', prospecting/seeking communications with foundations, gov, etc- 1) big grants; 2) individual donors; 3) micro level mini teacher grants, etc.*

*GH and JR will join.*

*x. Facilities Committee: Not active at this time; needs to be renewed en force as we consider move/build -*

*JH and LM will join.*

5. Committee Reports: Finance Committee: *shared updates in Item 2, above.*

Personnel Committee: *met this past week re a conflict which has been resolved.*

Parent Committee: *considered a "Commitment Form" for families re language learning and home usage; Naabek was there; talked about the Joe Marshall visit ; staffing immersion camp; Renaming of Ft. Snelling- BLC should write a letter; need for families at the language meetings and events; looking for someone else for Dakota language workshop; agreed to tabling at some powwows, do targeted recruiting of families that are deeply committed to the languages.*

6. Public Comment: *Luli said he's very impressed with what he sees and will share feedback with CWT.*

7. Adjourn meeting: *Jenn Hall moves to adjourn at 6:03 pm.*