

Board of Directors Meeting
Bdote Learning Center
3216 E 29th St. Minneapolis, MN 55406
March 25, 2024 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

1. Opening Items

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:54 PM
 - i. Reminder that cameras are turned on during the meeting.
- b. Record Attendance and Guests
 - i. Present: Fawn YoungBear-Tibbetts, Angela Two Stars, Victoria Morris, Jewell Arcoren, Tedi Grey Owl
 - ii. Absent: Mathew Pendleton, Sheila Zephier
 - iii. Guest(s): Shaina Dreaming Bear, Korissa Howes, Veronica Peterson Briggs, Nicole Schmidt (CLA).
- c. Statement of Conflict of Interest.
 - i. None stated.
- d. Reading of Bdote Learning Center Mission & Vision Statement
 - i. The Mission of Bdote Learning Center is to develop culturally aware, successful, high performing students by providing them with an academically rigorous education that is place-based, and rooted in Native language and culture of indigenous peoples.
 - ii. The Vision of the Bdote Learning Center is that all students will develop a love of lifelong learning, language and cultural fluency, gain skills and education to determine their own future, and develop a genuine commitment to contribute back to their family, community and nation.
- e. Agenda (review and approval)
 - i. *Vikky motion to accept the March 25th, 2024 Agenda.*
Fawn seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.



2. New Business

- a. AIPAC vote of Concurrence/Non-concurrence presented by Melissa Perez, AIPAC Chair - TABLED
- b. Review and approve [Calendar for 2024-2025 School Year](#) - Only School start time TABLED.
 - i. Angela motion to accept the Bdote Learning Center 2024-2025 School Calendar. Jewell seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.
- c. Approve termination of Shaina Dreaming Bear - Executive Committee [Recommendation](#)
 - i. Angela motion to approve termination of Shaina Dreaming Bear effective 3/25/2024. Jewell seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.
 - ii. Executive Committee to discuss rehire policies.


3. Public Comment

- a. Shaina Dreaming Bear requested time to public comment in regards to misconduct.
- b. 5:09 Mathew Pendleton joined the meeting.

4. Finance

- a. February 2024 Financials and Check Register Nichole Schmidt, CLA.
 - i.  BLC February 24 Management Report.pdf &  BLC February 24 Financial Statements.pdf
 - ii. *Fawn motion to accept the February 2024 Management Report and Financial Statements.*
Vikky seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.
 - iii. Finance Committee March 2024 updates

5. Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Approve February 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
 - i.  February 26, 2024 Board Minutes

- ii. *Angela motion to accept the February 26, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
Fawn seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.*

6. Leadership Reports: January

- a. [Administrative Report](#) by Veronica Peterson-Briggs
 - i. Approve new hire Bernadette Toscano effective March 18, 2024.
Jewell motion to approve new hire Bernadette Toscano. Angela seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.
 - ii. Approve merging Dakota 5-8 to be placed with Ojibwe 4-5 and Ojibwe 6-8 effective, April 8, 2024.
Jewell motion to merge the middle school language groups with a cap of 25 students until the end of the school year, June 30, 2024. Angela seconds the motion. 5 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.
- b. [Operations Report](#) by Korissa Howes

7. Old Business

- a. Board work per School Improvement Plan FY24
- b. School Committees updates

8. New Business

- a. Review suggested revisions to Bdote Learning Center Bylaws. Present revised bylaws for approval at next board meeting. Follow up with each board member for comments.
[W Comments and Proposed Revisions to Bylaws \(3\).docx](#)

9. Next Regular Board Meeting: scheduled April 22, 2024 @ 4:30 PM via Zoom.

10. Adjourn

- a. *Jewell makes a motion to adjourn at 5:53 PM. Fawn seconds.*