

# **Run for the Bdote Learning Center Board of Directors**

An election for the Bdote Learning Center Board of Directors is Oct. 28, 2019!

We encourage parents and guardians, teachers, and community members to nominate themselves for the Board of Directors election by printing and filling out the nomination form at the bottom of this message. Nominations could be made by someone else, but nominee must agree in advance to be seated if elected to the board at the October 2019 annual 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 of Bdote, 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 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.

## **What kinds of skills are useful to the Board?**

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

## **Schedule for the Election:**

Sept. 26 - Oct. 6 – Nomination forms are posted and distributed.

Oct. 8, 2019 - Deadline for nomination forms to be turned into the BLC office or via email to [lvaB@bdote.org](mailto:lvaB@bdote.org).

Oct. 9, 2019 – 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. 25, 2019– Ballots are due in the BLC office.

Oct. 28, 2019 – Ballots are counted by BLC BOD at the annual meeting

Oct. 29, 2019 – Results are announced via BLC Facebook, BLC Website and flyers to the school community.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Matson at [imatson@diw-mn.org](mailto:imatson@diw-mn.org)

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**BLC Board of Directors  
NOMINATION FORM 2019**

**NOMINATION FORM IS DUE IN THE OFFICE OR BY EMAIL BY 5:00 PM Sept. 28, 2019.**

You may also email this form to Iva Bunker at IvaB@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.**