

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Bdote Learning Center**  
**3216 E 29<sup>th</sup> St. Minneapolis, MN 55406**  
**September 28, 2023 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom link is at the TOP of the BOARD webpage at:**  
<https://bdote.org/board-of-directors>

**MINUTES**

**Approved at October 30, 2023 BLC Board Meeting**



**1. Opening Items**

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:42PM
- b. Record Attendance and Guests
  - i. Present: Tedi Grey Owl, Jewell Arcoren, Angela Two Stars, Mat Pendleton, Fawn Youngbear-Tibbetts, Shiela Zephier
  - ii. Not Present: Carol Charging Thunder
  - iii. Guest(s): Laurie Schroder, Katie Piehl, Korissa Howes, Veronica Peterson-Briggs
- c. Statement of Conflict of Interest.
  - i. No conflict of interests stated
- d. Agenda (review and approval)
  - i. *Jewell Arcoren motions to accept the September 28, 2023 Agenda with the additional amendments of State of the School presented by Laurie Schroeder from IQS, Board Elections Discussion and Scheduling Committees. Sheila Zephier seconds the motion. 6 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.*

**2. Public Comment**

- a. Each speaker must sign up to speak in the chat, speakers will be given two minutes to speak.
  - i. No speakers signed up.

**3. New Business**


- a. State of the School - Laurie Schroeder from IQS
  - i. Shared "BLC State of School Status with IQS" Powerpoint
  - ii. Purpose to discuss response and process for concerns that arose through oversight.
  - iii. Questions:
    - 1. SZ: How often does IQS come to the school for oversight?
      - a. LS: Request is that they do 2-3 visits per year for each of the 5 categories.
    - 2. TGO: Is there a timeline where these oversight reviews come to the Board?
      - a. LS: February and usually end of August which is the Annual Review
- b. State of the School - Discussion with Katie Piehl (Amend Agenda to Include This)
  -  FY24 Bdote Improvement Plan  2023.9.5 Bdote Letter of Deficiency and Notice of Probation
  - i. Introduction:
    - 1. Katie has authorized schools, run charter schools, and been school director in the past.
  - ii. CAP Action
    - 1. The Bdote Improvement Plan is the way to remediate. This document is the road map in the work of moving school into stability.
    - 2. We are in a DIRE state. School is placed on probation which is the highest form of action before closure. This means school is at high risk of closing if the concerns are not addressed.
    - 3. Area 2 is a good place the Board can have a very good impact to help.
    - 4. Korissa, Veronica, and Katie have worked through this document already.

5. Purpose: Start planning actions as a community tonight.
  6. Suggest that breaking up Area into sections and having individuals address each section would be optimal. Suggest board take role of taking care of Area 2.
  7. Suggest Created Board Commitment Form for Board Members in action plan listing expectations and needs of meetings,etc.
- iii. Board Elections Discussion (Amend Agenda to include this)
1. Out of Compliance
    - a. Need to send out nomination sheets.

#### 4. Old Business

- a. Scheduling Committees
  - i. Governance Committee Schedule
    1. Up & Running this week to work on Elections
    2. Address the by laws and policies that have been postponed about having 9 board members versus the state requirement of 5 board members.
    3. Tedi, Jewell, Shiela, and Angela can meet Monday Oct. 2, 2023 @ 4:00PM using Board Zoom Link. If you have a quorum you have to follow open meeting law.
    4. Make sure we are posting committee meetings and minutes.
    5. Check about meeting by laws.
    6. Policies need to be updated, many are outdated and need revision.
  - ii. Finance Committee Schedule
    1. Shiela will be at the Finance Committee Meeting on Teams at 11AM Fridays. Meeting Sept. 29, 2023.
    2. Create established questions for tomorrow. Tedi will ask Nichole if she can meet and Korissa will send the board a link.
    3. Suggest to review the Improvement Plan to reference for questions.
    4. Suggest Finance Committee talk about Statutory Operating Date and Governance focus on policies.
- b. [Board Training Video](#) - Free [online training](#) provided by NEO Authorizer. (Update of completion from Feb. 27, 2023 Meeting)

#### 5. Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Approve August 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes - TABLED
- b.  August 8, 2023 Board Minutes - TABLED
  - i. \_\_\_ motion to accept the August 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.  
\_\_\_ seconds the motion. \_\_\_ Yay, \_\_\_ Nay. Motion \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 6. Finance

- a. August 2023 Financials and Check Register Nichole Schmidt. - TABLED

#### 7. Leadership Reports

- a. [August & September 2023 Operations Report](#), Korissa Howes - TABLED
- b. Administrative Report, Veronica Peterson-Briggs - TABLED

#### 8. Next Regular Board Meeting: scheduled October 30, 2023 @ 4:30 PM via Zoom.

#### 9. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM due to lack of quorum.