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Governing Council Meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2014—6:00 PM Location: Coral Room, Quality Inn-Window Rock, AZ

Minutes

A. Meeting Called to Order at 5:33 pm

B. Governing Council Members & DEAP Staff Present

GC Members: Florinda Jackson, Janet Hoskie, Shayla Yellowhair (Present)
Genevieve Jackson, Benita Litson (Absent)
DEAP Staff: Prestene Garnenez, Kayla D. Begay

C. Appointment of Acting Governing Chair and Secretary

Acting Chair Nominations

Florinda Jackson nominated by G. Jackson

Shayla Yellowhair nominated by J. Hoskie

All votes for Florinda: 3 votes (B. Litson, F. Jackson, G. Jackson)

All votes for Shayla: 2 votes (S. Yellowhair, J. Hoskie)

Florinda was appointed as Acting Chair for the meeting

Nominations for Secretary

Shayla Yellowhair nominated by Benita Litson

G. Jackson motioned that nominations cease

Votes for Shayla: 5-0

Florinda Shayla was appointed as Acting Secretary for the meeting

D. Approval of Agenda (read by F. Jackson)

Approved by DEAP GC on January 13, 2015

- Adoption of Agenda with change to move next DEAP GC meeting to Jan. 13 at 5:15 pm since GMCS has meeting on same night
 Motioned by: Janet Hoskie
 Vote: 5-0

E. Discussion and possible Action Items:

a. Approval of DEAP Governing Council By-Laws

- J. Hoskie motions to approve the DEAP GC bylaws
 - o seconded by Shayla Yellowhair
 - o Vote: 5-0 Approved

F. Updates from DEAP Management

a. Status of Board of Finance application

NMPEC approved DEAP's Board of Finance application on Dec. 10, 2014 in Santa Fe which included signed affidavits. We are now a legal entity in state of NM. We have an EIN and Bank account- establishing ourselves as legal entity. No money has been placed in the bank account. Our part time business manager, Carmen Cavnar works with us through the NACA Inspired Schools Network. She will handle our funding. We anticipate our state funding will be issued in July. Funds are dispersed according to the school year. It is standard for newly approved charter schools to lack funding for the planning year. NISN provides DEAP with technical assistance and funding for planning year.

b. Status of Head Administrator Recruitment

HA Job Description posted on DEAP website, sent to local newspapers and online job recruitment (idealist) sites. GC team agrees that Board will take action for Retro-active approval of HA description for next meeting

c. Status of Student Recruitment Initiatives

DEAP staff will proceed with mailing campaign to mailboxes in Navajo.

- Monthly recruitment activities
 - DEAP will sponsor a 4-H group which will have its first meeting on Jan.15: we hope to recruit many students and families through the group
- Monthly activities
 - Jan: 4-h and MLK day of service to focus on community service learning and action
 - Feb: Valentine's Day Info Session
 - March: Butcher a sheep to focus on Diné Empowerment and culture
 - April: Community Clean-up focus on service learning

- May/June: Planting and hiking (agriculture)
- Visiting local chapters and dispersing brochures and posters.
- Developing lottery and enrollment process: Enrollment cap is 60, but if we have 100 applicants, we must initiate a lottery. We do have preferences for siblings. However in our first year we have more flexibility to increase our enrollment cap.
- Recruitment will target other students in areas of Crystal and beyond including Arizona students.
- Student Recruitment suggestions from GC
 - Dept. of Ag have a youth camp at Nakai Hall
 - Put a DEAP table there in April
 - Target parents
 - Parents at different clinics: health piece
 - Marketing program with commercials
 - movie commercial
 - Radio show
 - Flora Ben with Navajo Nation Broadcasting Services
 - Rodeo Season: get people going
 - Prizes

d. Curriculum Development

- o Charter school site visits: Kayla is visiting several school sites to look at their learning environments, curriculum and to meet with curriculum developers. We are utilizing the Schooling by Design model
- o Next site visits: NACA on Jan. 8-9 and Amy Biehl High School on Jan. 12-13
- o DEAP must provide a formal curriculum designed per PED requirements for the first 60 days of instruction. PED has not sent us the specifics of that but we are working on it.

e. Facilities Updates

- o Proceeding with GMCS co-location option
 - Prestene is meeting with Ron Triplehorn of GMCS facilities
 - Asking for 4 classrooms with additional room for administration
 - DEAP needs to get approval from GMCS Board at Jan. meeting regarding co-location
 - GMCS' lease indicates that GMCS cannot sublease- P. Garnenez will focus on status and clarify:
 - What is the process to work NN and GMCS
 - Introduce legislation to RHC, NABI and NN Council
 - Prestene will Talk with Martika Casias with NM PSFSA

- Bi-state charter meeting was conducted on 12/15: Rep. Lundstrom wrote letter of support to GMCS to encourage co-location.
- Other options include acquiring portable buildings. GMCS offered to sell us portables but transportation is an issue as we must travel through AZ state. Additionally, GMCS offered Red Lake Chapter 6 free portable buildings. Red Lake Chapter is willing to give DEAP the buildings, so we may have to set up a budget for set-up costs. However, we would like to focus on co-location as it is the most cost effective and mutually beneficial situation. Prestene will take co-location plan to GMCS for GMCS Jan. 5 or 20th GMCS Board Meeting

f. Community Activities

- 4-H Group will meet Jan. 15 at 4 pm at Red Lake Chapter.
- MLK Day of Service on Jan. 19 from 9 am-4 pm at Red Lake

G. Public Comment

No Public Comment

H. The next meeting DEAP Governing Council will be January 20, 2015 at 5:15 pm at Red Lake Chapter. Any location change will be announced.

I. Adjournment at 7:51 pm