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## **Governing Council Meeting January 13, 2015 - 5:30 pm Location: Red Lake Chapter-Navajo, NM**

### **Minutes**

#### **A. Meeting Called to Order at 5:32 PM**

#### **B. Governing Council Members & DEAP Staff Present**

GC Members:       PRESENT-Florinda Jackson, Janet Hoskie, Shayla Yellowhair  
                              ABSENT-Genevieve Jackson, Benita Litson  
DEAP Staff:         Prestene Garnenez, Kayla D. Begay

#### **C. Approval of Agenda - read by Florinda Jackson**

- Motion to approve agenda: Janet , Shayla second
- Discussion to remove item:
  - Kayla recommending removal of:
    - F)Approval of teacher job descriptions
    - H) DEAP Email and Website Tutorial (to do one on one later)
  - Prestene recommended that we also remove:
    - elections of governing council members to wait for full quorum.

**Vote: 3- yay (Shayla, Florinda, Janet), 0-nay, 0 abstain**

#### **D. Review and Approval of December 16, 2014 DEAP Governing Council Meeting**

- Read by Kayla
- Motion to approve the meeting minutes: Janet, Shayla second

**Vote: 3- yay (Shayla, Florinda, Janet), 0-nay, 0 abstain**

#### **~~E. DEAP Governing Council Elections~~**

#### **F. Discussion and possible Action Items:**

*Approved by DEAP GC on February 11, 2015*

### **a. Approval of Head Administrator Job Description and Advertisement**

- Retroactively approving this item. Presented at the last board meeting and is currently on the website. The board wanted to read and discuss this before approving.
- Motion to Accept job description: Shayla, Janet second.

**Vote: 3- yay (Shayla, Florinda, Janet), 0-nay, 0 abstain**

### **~~b. Approval of Teacher Job Descriptions and Advertisement~~**

### **G. Updates from DEAP Management**

- a. Status of Head Administrator Recruitment
  - Kayla presented. As of 1/12/2015- received 2 responses. We are planning on expanding recruitment, sending out the description to Phoenix Area. We will continue to expand the search.
  - Florinda offered some information about Early College H.S,
- b. Status of Student Recruitment Initiatives
  - Kayla presented. Went to the Post office and will receive the logistics to send out mailing addresses to 1080 boxes here in Navajo. Possible work session to get these prepared and sent out by end of week. The cost is \$350 for this first wave. Discussion about expanding areas and P.O. for Fort Defiance. Will wait to see the interest for this first wave to see if we need to budget more money.
  - Janet brought up cost to run the ad for movie commercials:
    - For 3 30 second commercials that run every time there is a movie shown in Gallup is \$24,000.
    - 1 commercial will be 8,000 or less.
    - Additional fees for uploading and syncing volume. Possibly about \$500 per commercial.
  - There is increase of likes on Facebook, trending on Navajo Times today.
  - 4H Group on Thursday- At Red Lake Chapter at 4pm, going to see who shows up and go from there.
    - A big turn out for the Navajo CAG group, generating lots of interest and support from schools and communities.
  - Discussion about going into other communities like Round Rock, concern from parents about busing across state lines.
  - Janet brought up "Parent Academies" in Crystal, NM. The school brings in parents for dinner and all different organizations come in and talks to parents about various issues. Sort of like mini conferences. This happens maybe 1x per quarter. Encouraged Kayla and Prestene to ask the administration about when the next parent academy is. Janet will provide email to her contact.

- Still need to work with WR and Crystal about getting mailing materials and addresses for parents.
- Discussion about radio show in February:
  - Commissioner Jackson was named to be a good voice for the school and for speaking Navajo.
  - Possibly looking for other community members to speak.
- Discussion about making new DEAP shirts for new members and possible students who confirm.
  - Kayla would like to get a quote for 100 new T-shirts at a more reasonable price.
- Event in February- Valentine's day info session on Saturday.
  - Maybe go to the Flea markets and pass out info, give out candy.
  - There is some funding for candy or hosting or dinners, possible karaoke event. Prestene suggested to bring to CAG and 4H to make a whole day event and bring in more sponsorship. (Kayla and Prestene will bring to Chapter and other organizations to see if there is any interest. Possibly could coincide with other community events)
  - Need to have a strict information session along with the fun events to ensure community knows what a charter school is, etc.
- For 4H club and MLK day of Service:
  - If interested in joining the events for 4H and the MLK day of service. Still looking for people to donate trashbags and other things for day of service. (board members will bring napkins, plates, water, fruit, hand sanitizer, etc)
  - Dinner will be potluck style, encouraged board members to bring something for workers. Kayla will send out agenda from planning meeting. January 19 at 4pm will be dinner. Lacking drinks and dessert.
- c. Facilities Updates
  - Prestene presented. GMCS has our co-location study, but we haven't heard anything back from them. The next meeting is 1/27 to discuss. Assuming that we are able to work something out and they are agreeable to co-locating, Prestene will push to get on the agenda of the GMCS school board agenda. In the meantime, the issue of stipulation of needing consent from Navajo Nation and Secretary of Interior is valid. They recommend that GMCS needs to make a written request to the Navajo Nation stating that they want to sublease apart of the buildings to DEAP. Prestene will keep people updated, lots of unknowns about current administration, possible changes in personnel, resignations, etc. In the meantime, with help from NISN, we will start to look at creating site plans and remodeling the portables from GMCS. Tomorrow, Prestene will initiate conversations with architect and start process with plan B, possibly

looking towards year 2. NISN could connect us with architect that could do work pro-bono or a lot cheaper.

- Discussion about possible legal counsel needed for lease agreements with district (see above). Prestene will talk to DNA legal services to see if we qualify for their services as a school.
- Discussion of timelines: Florinda would like concrete time lines. However, after meeting with architect tomorrow, there is 40 day review period with Health services, bidding process through state. This however is dependent on co-locating with GMCS, no matter how long (6 months, 12 months). For any public building on Navajo, there is a process that isn't clearly figured out; Prestene has been referred to various entities for facilities above the ground. For the ground that we are going to occupy, there is another process. There is additional things with the land pre-1994 was approved through NFPI board, which has since dissolved. Final deadline for working with GMCS and co-locating is end of March, because in April, we have to submit lease reimbursement to New Mexico and a specific committee. But this doesn't kick in until July, which is based on projections.
  - Kayla presented the planning year checklist for hard deadlines so that board is aware. Florinda requested that in the next board meeting the timelines and policies are submitted to discuss and possible approval.
- d. Transportation
  - Prestene presented. GMCS and WRUSD, there is no agreement in place. But there is one with GMCS and CCSD for the Crystal side of things.
    - Discussion of how to continue talking with AZ and other districts, through House Memorial with Patty Lundstrom.
    - Recommended to meet with Bi-state charter group with transportation issues. There was a concern about what state's base that we pull from, whether we should stay open enrollment, or become closed enrollment. Concern from board about transportation issues and possible actions by districts, the implications on whether this will affect enrollment, outreach to chapters, etc. Recommended outreach to Senator Carlyle Begay, Ferlin Clark.
- e. Community Activities
  - Confirmations for school visits- Kayla will update and email it out.

#### **H. DEAP Email and Website tutorial (will do at a later time 1:1)**

- Kayla will contact us individually to set up a time to go over this.

#### **I. Public Comment**

- No Public Comment

**J. The next meeting DEAP Governing Council will be February 11, 2015 @ 5:30 dinner, start time 6pm Location TBA**

**K. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned @7:40pm
- Motion by Janet, Florinda second  
Vote: 3- yay (Shayla, Florinda, Janet), 0-nay, 0 abstain