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Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 21 2015—5:30 PM

Location: DEAP School

A. Meeting was call to order by Vice-President, Janet Hoskie at 5:51 PM.

B. Roll Call of Governing Council members

1. Florinda Jackson, President	Absent
2. Janet Hoskie, Vice-President	Present
3. Dornell Pete, Secretary	Absent
4. Benita Litson, Co-Treasurer	Present
5. Shayla Yellowhair, Co-Treasurer	Present via phone

A quorum was established. Others present included Director of Curriculum, Kayla Begay, and Director of Operations, Prestene Garnenez.

C. The agenda was reviewed & approved. A motion was made by Benita Litson to approve as is and a second motion made by Shayla Yellowhair with a Vote of 3 yay, 0 nay, and 0 abstentions.

D. The meeting minutes for the November 19, 2015 DEAP Governing Council meeting was reviewed and approved. A motion was made by Shalya Yellowhair to approve the meeting minutes and a second motion was made by Benita Litson. The Governing Council voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions; the meeting minutes were approved.

E. Discussion and possible Action Items:

1. McKinney-Vento (Homeless) Policy

Director of Operations, Prestene Garnenez, presented the McKinney-Vento Policy which addressed would help identify homeless students at DEAP. The policy helps to define the procedures and process of identifying students who may be staying with family, in an abandon building, at a bus or train station, or other public spaces. The Governing Council members reviewed the policy for an in depth discussion. The school staff will need training to identify students. Council member Shayla Yellowhair asked if there is any monetary compensation as a result of enacting the policy; DEAP staffed stated that there is no compensation, but that it may afford a student who may be experiencing the hardship to access other services and programs.

A motion was made by Benita Litson as was presented (no changes) and a second motion was made by Shayla Yellowhair with a vote of 3 yay, 0 nay, and 0 abstentions; the policy was approved.

2. FERPA (Student Records) Policy—Annual Notification to Parents

The Annual Notification to Parents is part of the Student Records Policy, passed by the Governing Council last summer; this notification would inform parents and guardians of DEAP's collection, storage, retrieval, release, use and transfer of student educational

information collected and maintained pertinent to the education of all students to ensure the confidentiality of the information and to guarantee parents' and students' rights to privacy. These records include applications, lottery applications, grades, transcripts, Individual Education Plans, etc. This includes publishable materials such yearbooks or release of names and ages of students to newspapers, for example. A parents who may does not agree with the release of certain information as noted in the policy must provide a written statement within 15 days after the notice is sent to them. A motion was made by Benita Litson to approve as is, and a second motion was made by Shayla Yellowhair with a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions; the notification was approved.

F. Reports from DEAP Management

1. Head Administrator's Report

A written report (attached) was provided by the Head Administrator. The Governing Council members inquired about the Wells Fargo-Golden Apple grant and where the field trips would be. Prestene Garnenez informed that the field trips would be to: Navajo Nation Forestry in Fort Defiance early in January or February, to Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) near Farmington in April, and possibly to the Native American Community Academy in Albuquerque in May.

2. Finance Manager's Report

The Finance Manager wasn't available; but Director Curriculum and Director of Operations offered some insight into the current DEAP budget standing. In the last meeting, Finance Manager, Carmen Cavnar, reported that DEAP would get \$75,000 from the education grant and other funding that other funding coming equated to \$86,000 including \$10,000 from NBC Universal, and about \$1,000 from private donations. Additionally, staff adjustments were being made accordingly to the budget. The staff asked for assistance from the Governing Council to help with additional funding. Shayla Yellowhair offered to help set up a workshop with Teach for America's local Director; the workshop would focus on tips and strategies in fundraising. A tentative date to set up the workshop was set for January 12, 2016 or January 19, 2016 at 4:30 PM.

3. Director of Curriculum's Report

Kayla Begay reported that DEAP just completed the 2015 Fall term. Two students made the Honor Roll and 7 more students were recognized who embodied DEAPs core values of empowerment, action via community service and leadership, and perseverance. Others were recognized for good attendance. The students were now also taking lab classes that would help them with keyboarding and familiarity in use of computers; this lab would help the students prepare for the PARCC testing. In early December, DEAP held its first of three student-led conferences (innovative parent teacher conferences). Students had 30 minutes to do the conference with introductions, SMART goals, projects they're proud of, etc. To date, DEAP had called for 2 snow days and would be making those up, as part of the Friday classes and in the new year. They also had a Service Day where students picked up trash around the community and tried filling pot holes in the streets. With regard to the PED visit on December 7 2015, the PED officials reviewed the students' records, staff records and licensures, the verification of residency of students, and observed classes. They did have issues with background checks of two staff, the licensure of Mr. Morgan, but that we had been waiting on reply from PED as to why it was taking so long. The endorsements to Kayla Begay's licensure was also an issue, but Ms. Begay was going to take the Reading and TESOL tests and apply for endorsements. The staff was waiting on the written report from PED.

4. Director of Operations' Report

Prestene Garnenez reported that overall the school was working on cost cutting in terms of custodial supplies, office supplies, food expenses, and utility and energy usage. There was still some possibility of funding from State of NM for a Bilingual grant. Other funding opportunities included grant applications for Captain Planet, First Nations, and Lowes; so far the Wells Fargo grant has been the only successful application and the others were not yet known whether they were awarded or not. As far as Facilities, the manufacturer was

able to come out and work on some of the building issues and concerns that were still lingering including issues with the doors, toilets, and water fountain. Otherwise, DEAP was looking at funding for the next phase of the school build out and hoping to access Capital Outlay funding.

G. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

H. The next meeting DEAP Governing Council will be January 19, 2016 at DEAP Charter School

I. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM with a motion by Benita Litson and second motion made by Shayla Yellowhair with a vote 3 yay, 0 nay, and 0 abstentions.

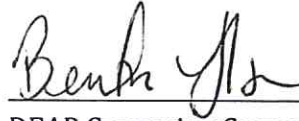
These minutes were approved by the Governing Council of the Dził Diti'ooí School of Empowerment Action & Perseverance (DEAP) on January 19, 2016 by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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ATTEST:



 President of DEAP Governing Council



DEAP Governing Council Member