

February LIEC Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Veronica Veaux called the meeting to order via Google Hangout Meets at 5:01.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Veronica Veaux, Sydney Novak, Sharon Kingbird, Petra Neadeau, Doris Vleck, and Jordan Hickman. **Absent:** MacKenna Sugar.

Also Present: Sonia Wadena and Patty Graham **Guest:** Tim Lutz

* NOTE: Patty Graham will complete the LL vouchers and Sonia Wadena will sign off on them.

Reminders:

2021-2022 Bemidji LIEC Board Members Ethics and Code of Conduct was sent out. Please sign them and return to Patty Graham to have on file in the Indian Education Office.

2021-2022 W-9 Tax Form was sent out to. Please complete these W-9 forms, return them to Patty Graham as soon as possible.

**NOTE: Meeting vouchers can not be sent in without having a current year's W-9 form on file.*

Approve January 2022 Minutes: Doris Vleck made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 2022 LIEC meeting Sharon Kingbird seconded. - carried

New Business

1. Annual Compliance Overview & Parent Roster - Due 03/01/2022

(Formally known as Resolution of Concurrence) / School Board Meeting will be Monday, February 28, 2022

This Annual Compliance Overview - TABLED FROM THE JANUARY MEETING.

After some discussion,

Sydney Novak made a motion to issue a vote of concurrence with recommendations added.

#1. The Bemidji Area Schools will actively recruit people of color for open positions to increase staff by 2 over the next year.

#2. An annual diversity or anti-racism training for staff.

This motion was seconded by Sharon Kingbird. - carried.

2. SY:21-22 AIEA (American Indian Education Aid) Application Approval - \$479,314.00

This was just an informational handout to the LIEC board members.

3. Young Artists Young Writers Competition - Friday, March 18, 2022 in Detroit Lake

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4. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian novel written by Sherman Alexie

This book is being challenged by a parent in the Bemidji School District to be removed from the High School Language Arts Curriculum. It was unanimously approved by the district Curriculum Challenge Committee and will be moved forward in the process to the school board at their next meeting Monday, February 28, 2022. If someone wants to offer their opinion they can contact school board members or attend the listening sessions, starting at 5:45, with the board meeting starting at 6:30. If anyone has not read the book and would like to do so, Sonia will loan them a copy.

Adjourn:

Veronica Veaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Doris Vleck seconded. -Carried.