

May 2023 LIEC Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Veronica Veaux, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 in the BMS Media Center.

Roll Call: Members Present: (In Person) Veronica Veaux, Sydney Novak, Doris Vleck, Sidney Kingbird-Haugen, and Jordan Hickman

Absent Excused: Sharon Kingbird and Petra Neadeau

Also Present: Sonia Wadena **Guests:**

Reminders for Board Members:

Please complete the 2022-2023 Bemidji LIEC Board Members Ethics and Code of Conduct.

Update your W-9 form for 2022-2023 and complete your voucher, if you are meeting online

Sonia Wadena will serve in lieu of Patty Graham for this meeting as secretary will complete your voucher.

Approve Minutes:

Sydney Novak made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 5, 2023 LIEC meeting

Doris Vleck seconded. - carried

Business:

1) **Impact Aid Federal Grant Field Audit:** Informational - We were selected for a field audit, which has been submitted, we are awaiting our feedback.

2) **Title VI EASIE Part I:** Informational - Submitted 03/07/23

3) **Title VI EASIE Part II:** Informational - Submitted on 05/12/23

4) **The Resilience Challenge Grant Opportunity:** Discussed the opportunity to move forward with applying for a grant to support secondary students as we moved out of COVID and focus on supporting resiliency through our strengths. We would like to move forward with this opportunity and will meet again in June to continue the discussion on ideas for planning.

5) **Graduation Rate:** Discussed the decrease in the graduation rate, possible reasons for that decrease and looking at ways to increase it. There were questions about how the rate is calculated. Sonia will find out how that cohort is determined and report back.

6) **Young Artists/Young Writers Competition:** We had a great number of submissions and winners again this year, but would like to increase participation at the high school level next year. We will lean on our youth representative to help spread the word for participation in the future.

7) Family Nights: JW Smith, Bemidji Middle School: Great turn out at both events, a lot of positive feedback from families.

8) Kindergarten Registration: Informational - Open houses at the neighborhood schools are complete, but registration can still be done online or at the district office.

Other:

Update on discontinuing partnership with Dennis Rogers

Mark Mindt, with Koda the Warrior, was a huge success at Bemidji Middle School. Students and staff would like to have him return in the fall to share his message and educational teachings.

Lincoln Powwow will be on Thursday, May 18, at 1:30 pm

Graduation Round Dance - Look to schedule it on a weekend when there isn't another major powwow taking place in the area.

Veronica Veaux is offering to sponsor a high school student for the Native American Entrepreneur Workshop. Sonia will share information with Bemidji High School program staff.

Study Hall vs. Independent Study is a concern that remains to be a question of equitability with the requirement to leave campus. This may no longer be an issue with the new 5 period day during the 2023/24 school year, but will be something the LIEC is keeping an eye on.

Adjourn:

Doris Vleck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sydney Novak seconded. - Carried

Reminder:

The next LIEC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM
in the BMS Media Center Classroom / Google Meets Available.