

Endazhi-Nitaawiging Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

Meeting type: Regular Special
 Date: September 21, 2022
 Time: 5:00 PM (CST)
 Location: Zoom
 Zoom Link: <https://nacainspireschoolsnetwork.zoom.us/j/87989013861>
 Recorded by: Nathaniel Taylor

The Board Chair officially determines an in-person meeting is not practical due to Covid-19 (MN 13D.021, Subd. 1(1))

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 PM by Board Chair Wesley Jourdain.

2. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance:

Wesley Jourdain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Naomi Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Elizabeth White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Jeffrey LaGou	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Alex Kmett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Alexandra Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Hieu Nguyen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Frances Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Elizabeth Strong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent		

Other Attendees:

Nathaniel Taylor, Sylvia Fred were in attendance.

Elizabeth Strong joined the meeting at 5:31 PM.

Serena Graves joined the meeting at 5:59 PM.

Joseph Ching joined the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Frances Miller left the meeting at 7:14 PM.

3. Approval of Minutes – September 6, 2022 Board Meeting

Motion: Alexandra Johnson

Second: Wesley Jourdain

For: 7 Against: 0

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

5. Approval of Agenda – September 21, 2022

Motion: Elizabeth White

Second: Frances Miller

For: 7 Against: 0

1. Opening Prayer & Song
2. Call to Order & Welcome
3. Roll Call

4. Mission and Vision

“Our mission is to prepare each student for college with an enhanced knowledge of the Ojibwe language, culture, leadership, and environmental stewardship.”

“Our vision is to create confident leaders grounded in their true inherent identities and to ensure they are academically, socially, and spiritually prepared to positively change the community and world.”

5. Review/Approval of September 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

6. Approval of Agenda – September 21, 2022

7. New Business

- a. Approve revised 2022-2023 School Calendar
- b. Approve Special Education Paraprofessional Job Description
- c. Approve Contract for Services for Sylvia Fred

8. Reports:

- a. Nathaniel Taylor: Endazhi-Nitaawiging Development update
- b. Serena Graves: School update

9. Open Discussion

10. Adjournment

6. Vote to Approve Revised 2022-2023 School Calendar

Motion: Naomi Long

Second: Jeffrey LaGou

For: 3 Against: 5 Abstain: 1

7. Vote to Approve Special Education Paraprofessional Job Description

Motion: Jeffrey LaGou

Second: Wesley Jourdain

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

8. Vote to Approve Contract for Services for Sylvia Fred

Motion: Elizabeth White

Second: Naomi Long

For: 9 Against: 0

9. Reports:

- a. Nathaniel Taylor: In negotiation with Kade Ferris to develop a trail and crosswalk to Shady Park. Discussing ways to make classrooms better. Looking for funding. Possible donation from Joe N. Discussion with RLN Treasurer about funding match. Still working with funding agency regarding payroll checks. Walls going up on building. Historical moment for RL to keep telling the EN story to potential funders. Spoke with Oran Beaulieu regarding assistance from Comp Health.
- b. Serena Graves: Positive Covid-19 test in Kindergarten. Bus issues during first week, this week is better. Working hard to combat behavior issues. Staff is dedicated and putting in a lot of hard work to make sure the vision of Endazhi is coming to life. Will give another update at a later date. Sylvia noted the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms have been separated.

10. Open Discussion

- Will staff have training during MEA? (Possible virtual option)
- Minnesota Council of Teaching of Language and Culture (MCTLTC) – November 4-5 in Plymouth, MN

11. Adjournment

Motion: Naomi Long

Second: Jeffrey LaGou

For: 8 Against: 0

Meeting adjourned @ 7:29 PM.

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth White, September 21, 2022.