



Circle of Life Academy

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Circle of Life Academy School Board Regular School Board Meeting May 13th, 2025 - 5:30 pm-until finished or tabled.

- 1) Call to Order: 5:31pm
- 2) Roll Call:
 - a) Board Members Present:
 - i) Mary
 - ii) Lew
 - iii) Patty
 - b) Others Present:
 - i) Seth
 - ii) Landa
 - iii) Vince
 - iv) Nicole
 - v) Reanna Albert (BIE)
 - vi) Dr. Tsosie (BIE)
- 3) Approval of Meeting Agenda:
 - a) Motion: Lew
 - b) Second: Patty
 - c) In Favor: all
 - d) Opposed: none
- 4) Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting: [Regular School Board Meeting Notes for 4/10/25](#)
 - a) Motion: Patty
 - b) Second: Lew
 - c) In Favor: all
 - d) Opposed: none
- 5) Public Wishing to Address the Board (time limit to speak, 3 minutes):
 - a) None
- 6) General reports:
 - a) **Administrative report (Seth Houglum)**
 - i) Addressed throughout the agenda
 - b) **Fiscal Leadership Team Report (Landa Moore - Financial Coordinator):**
 - i) Landa Moore in person
 - ii) [Financial Report Link](#)
 - iii) New duties - PO Cash request and deposit



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- iv) COLA Website
- v) SY2025-26 Budget
- vi) Title VI Funding
 - (1) Public Hearing
 - (2) Indian Parent Committee
- vii) Approval Items:
 - (1) Side-bySide
 - (a) Motion: Lew accept Okeson \$18,323
 - (b) Second: Patty
 - (c) In favor: All
 - (d) Opposed: none
 - (2) 3 - Portable Classrooms
 - (a) Motion: Patty accept Northern Sales \$45,000
 - (b) Second: Lew
 - (c) In favor: All
 - (d) Opposed: None
 - (3) Credit Card
 - (a) Motion: Patty to proceed with the request of a COLA Credit Card
 - (b) Second: Lew
 - (c) In favor: All
 - (d) Opposed: None
 - (4) Petty Cash
 - (a) Motion: to proceed with the request of a COLA petty cash establishment in the amount of \$1000
 - (b) Second: Lew
 - (c) In favor: All
 - (d) Opposed: None
- c) HR Report(Carol Zortman):
 - i) No formal report
 - ii) Contracts are out and returning
 - iii) SPED Program and Staffing for 2025-2026
 - iv)
- d) Facilities reports(Lindsey Loun - Facilities Manager):
 - i) [May Facilities Report](#)
 - ii)
- e) Programmatic Leadership Team Report:



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- i) [May Leadership Report](#)
- ii)
- f) Athletics reports:
 - i) Possible Summer Golf Program
 - ii) Possible Summer Volleyball and Basketball camps
- g) Culture and Language report:
 - i) Vince Olson Report via Teams
 - ii) [Report Link](#)
 - iii)
- 7) **New Business:**
 - a) **Nicole Lafrinier:**
 - i) Food sovereignty work with COLA
 - ii) Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
 - iii) Indigenous foods
 - iv) Connect with Brenda Koneczny - Nicole
 - v) Donation of a bison to the school
 - vi) Talked about our COLA garden and its future.
 - vii) White Earth 4H - Dana Trickey
 - viii) Also connect with Vince, Dave, Lindsey, - perennials
 - b) COLA School Forest
 - i) Trails need minor repair
 - ii) Winter camp location selected
 - iii) Thinking about signage and mapping
 - c) Behavior Referral Report
 - i) End of year report:
 - (1) Quarter 1: 291
 - (2) Quarter 2: 87
 - (3) Quarter 3: 89
 - (4) Quarter 4: 54
 - d) The Culture Piece - Chris Hagadorn report
 - i) [Survey Link](#) - Tech issues with document
 - ii) Tabled to June meeting
 - e) Safe Routes to School and Bikes
 - i) Tabled - Meeting with Grant committee on Thursday, May 15th



BREAK 6:36-6:45

- f) Motion to end regular session and enter into Executive:
 - g) Motion: Lew
 - h) Second: Patty
 - i) Favor: All
 - j) Opposed:None
- 8) Old Business:**
- i)
- 9) Other business**
- a) Other business 1:
 - i)
- 10) Adjournment:**
- a) Motion to adjourn: pm
 - i) Motion:
 - ii) Second:
 - iii) Favor:
 - iv) Opposed:

Next Regular Board Meeting:

Date: 6/17/2025

Time: 3:00pm

Commence Executive Session:

Board Members Present:

Invitees present:

Agenda items:

- BIE - Reanna Albert and Dr. Berdina Tsosie
- SPED Students information
- COLA Administrative/office Job Descriptions

End Time: 8:13pm