

**BICS – Board Meeting**  
**Minutes – November 18, 2019**

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**Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chairman Romero called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.  
Members in Attendance: Chairman Romero, Tawnya Phoenix, Shirley Ruis, Danthia Mendoza,  
and Mandy Curo de Quintero.

Other in Attendance: Principal McKeever, and Yvonne LaChappa, Secretary to the board.

**Motion** by Tawnya to approve the agenda. Second by Shirley. Carried 4, 0, 0.

No public comment requested for this meeting.

**Minutes** of October 14, 2019 were reviewed. Page two, under *School Breakfast Program*, insert the date that House Bill-1871 was passed.

*Follow-up:*

*AB 1871 was chaptered on 9-18-2018 and advises that the meal program requirement is effective “commencing with the 2019-20 school year”.*

**Motion** by Tawnya to approve the minutes with correction. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**Budget Report:** Austin McKeever

- Very little change since October board meeting
- Received a bit of monies in the Lottery
- SELPA monies increase due to a school closure in Dehesa. Monies will be distributed amongst other schools
- Will be working on budget adjustments
- IPAD purchases will reflect in Decembers budget
- More changes to come in December

**Old Business:**

- School Nutrition Program. Austin reported that breakfast items would need to be picked up each morning from Lakeside. The breakfast will be available to our students, 8:15 am to 10:05 am. Only one employee will need a food handler card. Concern from the tribe, health inspectors are not allowed to conduct inspections on the reservation. Indian Health Service, a Federal Agency does inspections for the Barona Casino. Austin was asked to contact Indian Health Services for health inspection. Changes will have to be made to the Inter Agency Child Nutrition Program Agreement indicating the change before signing. Austin will have more information at the next board meeting regarding the Breakfast Program.

**New Business:** Preference in Admission Policy

- Austin explained changes that need to be made to the policy. These specific changes have been requested by the California Schools Finance Authority. Preference is required for our Facilities Grant.
- **Motion** by Mandy to accept the Performance in Admission Policy with changes. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**IPP Waiver Letter:**

- The waiver letter for IPP (Indian Policies and Procedures) is submitted to LUSD stating that Barona is satisfied with the educational services and programs provided by the Lakeside Union School District. The IPP Waiver letter is submitted annually.

**Motion** by Tawnya to accept the IPP Waiver letter and send to Lakeside Union School District. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**Principal Report:** Austin McKeever

- November 15, 2019 is the end of the first trimester. Report cards will be mailed to parents.
- Austin has been spending more time in the classrooms with the new teaching staff. He explained that all teachers participate in Instructional Rounds, observing each other's teaching
- BICS participates in the two day Safe School Ambassador Program. The Barona Recreation Department attended as well. This program teaches the students that they have the power to have the greatest positive impact on our school climate and be "up-standers" not just "bystanders". Very positive program for our school. Next year Safe School is offering a program for first and second grades, "Safe School Buddies"
- Austin reached out to SIHC, Julie Wochuk, Prevention Counselor. She plans to work with fifth through eighth grade students, "Lunch Bunch". She will cover topics like the dangers of drugs and chat with the students. Parents will have to sign a permission slip
- Lexia Reading Program has been a big help narrowing down students that are struggling with reading
- Fifty-two iPads have come in and will be given to IT to configure
- Movie Night held on Friday November 15, went well. Families that participated enjoyed this event
- New Speakers were installed outside near the preschool and KN classrooms

Austin asked if there is an update regarding the trees near the playground that a parent expressed concern about. In the event the parent calls, he would like to be able to give her an update. Chairman Romero explained that an arborist (tree surgeon) came to evaluate the trees that need to be removed. In two weeks, the arborist will again walk the area with Chairman Romero.

Barona facilities plan to work on the wet area near the preschool during Thanksgiving week.

Next board meeting: December 16, 2019 at 8:30 am.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am. There was no motion for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne LaChappa  
Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees