

Fargo – West Fargo Public Schools  
Indian Education Parent Committee

Agassiz Building, Room 112

November 6, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Amber Mattson, Melanie Bald Eagle, Gloria Marion, April Graves. Laurretta Blakely, Janey Blakely

Visitors Present: Melody Staebner, David Burkman, Dakota Harmon

**1. Call to Order and Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Amber Mattson. Quorum present with 6 of 6 current year members in attendance.

**2. Approval of Minutes** – Motion made by Gloria to approve 10/8/19 meeting minutes. April G. second. Motion carried.

**3. Indian Education Program Report** – Melody Staebner

- a. Program Update – None at this time.
- b. Financial Report – None at this time
- c. Upcoming Events
  - i. Reading Program is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2019. Indian Education is needing suggestions for a storyteller. Volunteers are needed to serve food.
  - ii. Winter Gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Carl Ben Eielson School. Indian education has designated funds in the budget for payment of Santa Claus and costume rental, DJ, and photo booth expenses. Other activities will be ornament making station, face painting, craft station (possibly necklaces), games. Parent committee can start requesting donations from local business such as Cashwise, Walmart, and Costco.
  - iii. Drum Group is scheduled to meet once a week for 6 weeks. There will be two sessions, each consisting of three weeks. The drum group will be facilitated by Guy Fox and is for male, middle school and high school students who would like to learn teachings about the drum and songs. Contacts are Guy Fox or Melody.

**4. Old Business**

- a. Reading Program was held on October 24th and positive feedback was received about the activities for the children and parents.
- b. Consortium Agreement & Bylaw updates are complete.

## **5. New Business**

- a. IEPC open positions. Advertising of the Indian Education Parent Committee positions will begin for Chairperson, Secretary, Member at Large, Community Member and Teacher Representative with voting taking place during the regular, December 10, 2019 IEPC meeting and newly elected members taking their role in January 2020.
- b. Fundraising.
  - i. Indian Taco sale possibly scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020. Preparations would take place in the FACS room at Agassiz School. Ten or more volunteers are needed to organize orders and prepare Indian Tacos. Further discussion will be held during upcoming IEPC meetings.
- c. Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. Melody provided a report on her trip to Washing D.C.
- d. Title VI Coordinators Network. Melody provided a brief overview of future plans to meet and network with other North Dakota Title VI Coordinators.

## **Open Discussion**

- Darlene stated that college prep resources for high school juniors and seniors will be sent out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.