

Fargo – West Fargo Public Schools  
Indian Education Parent Committee

Agassiz Building, Room 112

October 8, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Amber Mattson, Jennifer Buckley, Melanie Bald Eagle, Gloria Marion, April Graves via conference call.

Visitors Present: Melody Staebner, Dr. Thomas Gravel, Holly Fox

**1. Call to Order and Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Amber Mattson. Quorum present with 5 of 7 current year members in attendance.

**2. Approval of Minutes** – Motion made by Amber M. to approve 3/19/19, 4/9/19, 4/24/19, 9/10/19 meeting minutes. Gloria M second. Motion carried.

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

- a. Program Update – Mentors Katelyn Lyons (Fargo) and Trevan Long Feather (West Fargo) are transitioning into their roles.
- b. Financial Report
  - i. Title VI Grant - \$97,645.00 total budget. \$88,822.41 YTD in grant. \$10,535.77 designated for activities, dues & fees, speakers, staff travel, consulting.
  - ii. General Fund - \$62,378.32 total budget. \$10,147.89 designated for activities, dues & fees, speakers, staff travel, consulting.
- c. Upcoming Events
  - i. Indigenous People’s Day is October 14, 2019. Students will be bused to Moorhead High School for a presentation at 10 am – 11:30 am by Alan Demaray. A sack lunch will be provided.
  - ii. Reading Program is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Location is TBD. Storytelling by JT Shining Onese. Indian Education is needing volunteers to help with this event.

**4. Old Business**

- a. Back to School Night was held on September 18, 2019 at Carl Ben Eielson with approximately 200 people in attendance.
- b. Cross Roads Pow Wow was held on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Scheels Arena. The Indian Ed Parent Committee facilitated kids activities that included paper tipi making, rock painting with Native American symbols, and jewelry making. Approximately 120 kids and 30 adults participated in the activities on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- c. New Hires – Update given during Program Update.

- d. Indian Education is still located in the Agassiz Building, 1305 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fargo, ND but is now in room #112.
- e. MHA Nation Satellite Office at Back to School Night and Community Education Forum—MHA Nation had a booth set up during Back to School night and distributed school supplies to all who needed them. MHA Nation citizens, who are students, were also able to connect with Chalsey Snyder/MHA Nation regarding the Back 2 School gift cards. A request was made during the September IEPC meeting for formal support from the IEPC for the Community Education Forum. An update and details of the Community Education Forum were not provided. The IEPC takes no action on the request but will leave it up to the individual member to decide to participate on their own as a community member while not representing the IEPC.
- f. Live streaming of IEPC meetings is not recommended per the Local Education Agency (LEA) and the Office of Indian Education. The only meetings that are broadcast live in the Fargo Public Schools are the School Board meetings. To be consistent with this protocol, the Fargo Public School website for the Indian Education Parent Committee will be utilized and IEPC meetings will not be broadcast live.

## **5. New Business**

- a. IEPC open positions. Melody has been in contact with two possible candidates for the IEPC Teacher Representative-Jack Raen/Carl Ben Eielson and Dan Boulda/Fargo North
- b. 2019-2020 Consortium Agreement – Amber M. made a motion to approve amended minutes from 4/24/19 IEPC meeting to include the approval of the 2019-2020 Consortium Agreement. Second by Gloria M. Motion Carried.
- c. 2019-2020 Bylaws. Amber M. made a motion to update the 2019-2020 Bylaws Article IV, Section 2 Election and Term Procedures to reflect the change of “The term of committee membership will be 2 year(s) for those elected as officers’ at the official November meeting, with new members taking position the following January.” Second by Gloria M. Motion carried.
- d. Fundraising. Starquilts and Indian Taco sale. Further discussion will be held during the regular November meeting.

## **Open Discussion**

- Brief self-introduction of visitor Holly Fox.
- Request by Melanie B.E. to include college prep and 2020-2021 FAFA reminder in next IEPC newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.