

Fargo - West Fargo Public Schools

Indian Education Parent Committee (IEPC)

Agassiz Building, Room 112

January 14, 2020 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Jennifer Buckley, Melanie Bald Eagle, April Graves, Jera Silk, Jack Raan

**Visitors Present:** Melody Staebner, Darlene Boyle, Holly Fox, Gloria Marion-Smestad

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Melanie Bald Eagle. Quorum Present with 5 of 8 current members.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Jack Raan to approve December 10, 2019 meeting minutes. April Graves second. Motion carried.
3. **Indian Education Program (IEP) Report-** Melody Staebner
  - a. **Program Update:**
    - Approximately 890 students identify as Native American in the Fargo and West Fargo Public Schools. The highest number of students with 506 forms completed will be counted towards funding. Currently, the highest number of students reported was from September of the 2019-2020 school year, student count was approximately 391 with completed 506 forms. From this count, 249 students enrolled at Fargo Public Schools and 142 students enrolled at West Fargo Public Schools. Student count is up by 33 students from 2018-2019 school year.
    - Title VI Timeline handout from previous year was shared for comparison to prepare for planning of current school year application. Guidelines and requirements of the application process and required program information were discussed. Current 2019-2020 application deadlines, tribal consultation and public hearing dates and times are to be determined, possibly beginning as early as February.
    - Journalism club has been successful partnership with The Fargo Forum during the first half of the school year with 10 students participating. Unfortunately, program is not available for the remainder of the year.
    - Student Drum group led by Guy Fox continues to practice every Tuesday. Scheduled to participate in a half hour singing presentation at Jefferson Elementary January 31, 2020 and will participate at the Woodlands and High Plains Powwow March 28, 2020.
    - Concordia and MSUM college students continue to offer volunteer hours during Indian Education cultural events. Also, Eight students from Concordia College Native American studies course volunteer to tutor 8 Indian Education Program students.
    - **Financial Report:** - goal to increase fundraising funds with Parent committee Indian education Taco Sale; volunteers needed food prep

February 12th at 6pm- agassiz facts room and February 13th fry bread making and assembly of tacos during the day. Jack Raan will seek donations. Tacos sold by preorder and approximately 50 walk-in sales. Further Information will be shared.

■ **Events**

1. Reading Program March 4- student teachers from MSUM participating in children activities.
  - a. Story tellers needed for reading program events please send suggestions to Melody.
2. March 27 youth leadership day.
3. MMIP community event, February 14 participation is encouraged by IEP but not required. Melody will request the schools to allow students to have excused absence from class for this event. However, no programming will be organized by IEP and any student participation is determined by parent/family/ guardian(s) will be liable for excuse, all transportation and observation.

**4. Old Business**

- Review of roles for committee members. no questions or concerns.
- Recap of Winter Gathering was successful with highest amount of participation with more than 200 people in attendance.

**5. New Business**

- Program presentation by Melody Staebner at Fargo School Board in two weeks.
- Discussion of 2 star quilts up for Auction. Planning to auction at Crossroads and 2021 WHPP. Volunteers needed.
- Fundraising account balance current \$2138.49

**Open Discussion**

- Discussion for a hand out for volunteers to sign up for upcoming events at March 4 reading event.
- Woodlands and High Plains Powwow also in need of volunteers.
- Call for ideas to promote our program in the community.
- Motion by Jera Silk. To change IEPC Meeting from February 11th to Tuesday February 25th due to prepping for the taco fundraiser. Motion 2nd by April Graves. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.