

Indian Education Parent Committee

Agassiz Building Room 112

March 24th, 2020

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

(Mtg via Zoom)

Members Present: Melanie Bald Eagle, Dakota Seminole, April Graves, Amber Mattson, Jera Silk

Visitors Present: Holly Fox, Melody Staebner, Darlene Boyle

Call to order at 602pm by Melanie Bald Eagle, chair

Approval of Minutes- 02-25-2020 motion made by Amber Matton to approve minutes of the last meeting. Dakota Seminole second. Motion carried.

Indian Education Program Report

1. Program Update

- a. **School Closed.** Employees of Indian Education are working from home with school administration and communicating with families remotely
- b. **Title VI update:** no guidance at this time from the Office of Indian Education for yearly program requirements including the needs assessment and public hearing. Requesting patience while office of Indian Education figures out details with regards to social distancing due to COVID pandemic.

2. Financial Report

a. Fundraiser account

- i. Melody communicated with the Public Schools foundation and the fundraiser money from the Taco sale will be deposited as of 3/26 and reflect in Indian Education's account next month. Profit from the fundraiser minus cost of supplies will also be reflected and share at next IEPC meeting.

b. Events

- i. **March 4th : Reading program** Event was successful with great attendance and parent/ family involvement. Ricky White was the guest speaker and Alcapolco catered. Children participated in activities with students from MSUM as parents learned more about and discussed Native American Essentials and Understanding program.
- ii. **March 27 : Youth Leadership Day: cancelled** due to school closure and social distance requirements due to COVID.
- iii. **woodland High Plains Powwow set date March 28th has cancelled.**

3. Old Business:

- a. IEPC will further discuss and allocate how the taco sale funds will be used at next meeting,

4. New Business:

- a. **Distance learning-** Student's who have IEP plans for school learning will continue to be followed by District. Also, students whom are mentored by Indian Education Program will continue to receive distance learning support.
 - b. families who would like to seek assistance from Indian Education program may continue to contact Staff.
 - c. District learning plans will be in place for all students and teachers will also connect with their students regularity.
- 5. **Open Discussion Recap:** list of community resources compilation will be included in April Monthly Newsletter, as well as, posted on facebook page.
 - a. Discussed the idea of reaching out to Spiritual Leaders and Cultural Educators for possible volunteers for support services that may be referred by staff to support those needs.
 - b. Discussion of distance learning and internet, computers, and educational support. Some schools depending on grade level may be issued a device however, some may not.
- 6. How can Indian Education Program help during distance learning?
 - a. Discussed possibility of adding cultural connection to families through facebook or other media.
 - b. Online ideas: interactive cultural storytelling and teachings lead or shared videos
 - i. Ricky White hoping to hold grandfather teachings online.
- 7. **Next Meeting:** motion by Dakota Seminole second by April and motion carried: In order to be mindful of social distancing requirements IEPC plans to hold the next Indian Education Parent Committee meeting April. 14, 2020 presented through an online application called Zoom. Application information and meeting invitation will be shared through email correspondence. If anyone would like to participate in our Parent Committee monthly meeting please Contact the Indian Education Program Office for more information or the Fargo and West Fargo Public Schools Indian Education facebook page.
- 8. **Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.**