

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas Indians

Red Cliff Tribal Council and Bayfield School Board

JOINT MEETING

March 17, 2014

6:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Quorum

School Board members present: Liz Woodworth, Theresa Gordon, Billy Jo Johnson

Others present: David Aslyn, Sandy Raspotnik, Dee Gokee-Rindall, Jeff Gordon, Scott Stralka, Carmen Vanderventer, Anne Sullivan, Rick Erickson, Lori Erickson and community members.

AGENDA

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Leo Lafernier, Jr.

NEXT 3 PRIORITIES

It was announced by the Tribal Chair of the approved immersion school planning grant. The Tribal Chair also announced that the Tribal Council and the Bayfield School Board met at 5:30 p.m. and watched an informational video on Impact Aid.

The School Board was asked to give updates on the previous three priorities discussed at the last meeting. Regarding the Ojibwe Language Elementary teacher position, Dr. Aslyn stated the school applied for a grant through the DPI. They were awarded it, but did not receive the funds until late in school year. Jim Pete was hired to fill these duties and is working with Diane Defoe and Tracy Basina.

The delays in receiving Impact Aid funds and other budget cuts have not allowed funding a full-time Pupil Services position. A preliminary budget that will include this will be presented to the School Board at their April meeting.

The inclusion of a Red Cliff History/Act 31 course is being looked at as being an elective class only by the School Board. It was explained that due to state standards it will be difficult to add another required class for students. The school will begin working at revising the entire curriculum and plans to include these topic areas. Ten school staff will be attending WDPI Act 31 training. Marvin Defoe reiterated the need for these courses to be mandatory and taught. Theresa Gordon stated that the school does not want to force this on students. Liz Woodworth thought the most effective way to teach these to students is to include in overall curriculum. Billy Jo Johnson spoke of the responsibility of community to teach children the history. It was explained that Mr. Kriner may be working with Krystal Topping soon and she may giving talks regarding Red Cliff history to students.

In response to safety concerns, the school starting a volunteer bus monitoring program, collaborating with Viking Motors. The School and Viking Motors will be training drivers and will be looking at ways to prevent bus overcrowding. Steve Dunn is also working with Red Cliff plow drivers on snow removal at certain bus stops. It was explained that North East Bresette Hill, Bishop Loop and Bradum/Acorn Drive are the three locations where lack of snow removal has become safety hazards.

Jim Pete is beginning to work on organizing the Native American Club and will soon be taking students on an outing. It was suggested that the Junior Tribal Council be a good complement to the Club. The Junior Tribal Council remains inactive but Krystal Topping, the new Youth Center Manager, is working with Laura Gordon on this.

An area in the Tech Ed. building is available to those students who wish to smudge but it is not being used at this time. Jim Pete will be getting word out to students on this.

The current priorities include a History Course or workshop for teachers and staff, the creation of a Cultural Coordinator position and the status on the School's strategic plan.

Regarding the history course, it was stated that the school will be working to include these areas in overall curriculum and will look at the calendar for next year to include a workshop for staff.

The school will continue to seek grants to fund a Cultural Coordinator position.

Dr. Aslyn gave copies of strategic plan that was recently adopted by school board. Marvin Defoe was concerned that the Tribe issues were not included in document and whether the school board officially adopted the Tribe's priorities. It was explained by the school members it is a broad plan which will include the Tribe's priorities/concerns as action items.

The Tribal Council needed time to review the strategic plan and will include this on next Joint meeting agenda.

Ron DePerry suggested that the school higher the standards on students involved in sports. In the past, it was required that students have a C average minimum to be eligible to be in sports. Currently, students need only to be passing their classes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting August 13th, 6PM at the Bayfield School Library.

Marvin Defoe moved to adjourn. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.


Adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council