

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

RED CLIFF TRIBAL COUNCIL & BAYFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

April 14, 2015

5:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Vice Chairman Bryan Bainbridge called the joint meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Absent (Excused)

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Absent (Excused)

Dennis Soulier, Present

Quorum

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Chris Boyd, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Others presents present: Delores Gokee-Rindal, Education Division Administrator and Carmen VanderVenter, Education Manager and community members.

Bayfield School Board members present: Paul Tribovich, Theresa Gordon, Deb Knopf and Craig Hoopman @ 5:50 p.m.

Bayfield School staff present: Dr. David Aslyn, Superintendent; Scott Stralka, K-12 Principal; Sandy Raspotnik, Pupil Services Director and Jeff Gordon, Dean of Students.

AGENDA

Added "Appoint Secretary" (In Laura J. Gordon's absence) to agenda.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Marvin Defoe.

Dennis Soulier moved to appoint Jeanne Gordon as Tribal Secretary in Laura J. Gordon's absence. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Bayfield School Board calls the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance.

School Board suspends Robert's Rules of order.

PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

College and career readiness:

School staff explained that efforts to prepare students for college begins in kindergarten and continues through high school by implementing various initiatives. This month students will participate in "Career Day" and "Shadow Day". Nancy Larsen also created a website for students and parents that provides information on scholarships, colleges and other helpful information. The school bulletin is another good resource. College visits are offered as well as individual sessions with 8th and 11th grade students to identify potential career paths.

The Red Cliff Education Department offered two "FAFSA night" events in January and February that were not well attended. Scholarship information is also available on the tribal website.

Dee Gokee-Rindal suggested having recent graduates or peers assist in encouraging Junior and Seniors to continue their education.

Bullying:

In August, the school had met with Viking Motors drivers and discussed ways of dealing with bullying on the buses. K-5 Teachers also speak to students on appropriate bus behavior. Action is taken immediately when incidents on the bus are reported. Parents of all students involved are notified and disciplinary action is taken.

Human Growth and Development/Teen Pregnancy:

The school was awarded the Inspire grant from DPI that will target current parents (or students becoming parents) as well as pregnancy prevention. A committee is working on revising Human Growth curriculum (dated 1995), and will be incorporating Ojibwe culture.

Cultural awareness:

Dr. Aslyn stated the staff trainings have been successful and likes the variety of speakers. 30 min sessions are conducted monthly. Kasie Gokee and Richard Laferrier working under language grant currently. Carmen stated they are looking at Bayfield becoming an ACT 31 certified school.

Attendance:

As of March attendance has improved 1.2%. Truancy code has been revised. School is collaborating with ICW and Laura Belanger. The school also has a monthly incentive program for attendance. Discussion on how to include all students who qualify (1 or less absence).

Disproportionality:

Dr. Aslyn provided copies of letter received from Anita Castro, DPI Assistant Director, Special Education announcing that the Bayfield School is no longer disproportionate.

Full Time Language & Culture position:

Dr. Aslyn stated the district has a deficit of over \$170,000 and will not be adding any positions. Bryan Bainbridge and Marvin Defoe expressed the need and importance of this position.

Recruitment of Native American Teachers:

When there are staff vacancies, the School distributes notices in the community and surrounding area as well as the school website. They had also made contact with Native Studies departments of Northland College and UW-Green Bay to begin recruitment native students. Dr. Aslyn stated the Red Cliff community is has been the most effective in recruiting applicants.

School Board taking formal actions at joint meetings:

In Red Cliff Tribe and Bayfield School MOU, Robert's Rules is suspended during joint meetings. The school board is obligated to take formal action by using Robert's rules of order. Furthermore, the school Board is bound by Wisconsin Open Meeting Law which requires that any action being taken by the board needs to be posted to the public for a period of time. Craig Hoopman suggested the Council add an item to the School Board agenda and take action after the public is informed.

Marvin Defoe moved to explore options on this. No second. Motion failed.

The Dr. Aslyn announced the newly elected Bayfield School Board members Lawrence Deragon (At-large) and Stephanie Bresette (City of Bayfield).

School Board discussion items:

The school would like to continue collaboration with the Red Cliff community on aspects. Bryan Bainbridge encouraged school staff to take advantage of the tribal programs they may be helpful with different project.

Angela Hernandez, Circles of Care Director stated the program is eager to collaborate with the school.

Bryan Bainbridge announced that Tribe is sponsoring two \$1000 Native American Student Scholarships this year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for August 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bayfield School.

ADJOURN

Steven Boyd moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Jeanne Gordon, Appointed Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council