

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Special Council Meeting

June 20, 2019

1:00 p.m. Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

Chairman Richard Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Richard Peterson, Present
Nathan Gordon, Present
Laura J. Gordon, Present
Johanna Wilson, Present

Carolyn Gouge, Present
Dan Duffy, Excused
Nicholas DePerry, Present
Bryan Bainbridge, Present
Chris Boyd, Present

QUORUM

Others present: LCO College Board

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Jim Pete.

AGENDA

Bryan Bainbridge moved approve agenda. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Went around the table to do introductions.

Jason Bisonette shared a story about him telling his family that we all come from Madeline Island.

Education is a great equalizer and would like to walk away today with what we all can do collectively.

James Pete will be conducting a study from birth to death bed. James will also be the anchor in this community. James is the Facilitator and Coordinator for LCO College.

President Swagger shared a demographic graph to Council on the attendance from when LCO went over to the Washburn School on how the numbers went down, now we got to get the word out there that LCO School is back in Red Cliff and Bad River.

471 monies come from the Bureau of Education.

Jared Blanche gave an over view of the 2018-2019 School Year Higher Education: the popular areas of study are Business, Nursing and Education. The popular place of higher education is at Northland College WITC and UW Superior.

This past year there were only 3 individuals out of 97 that attended LCO College.

We would need 82 students from Red Cliff to attend LCO College fulltime to support the operation of the cost. Cost is right around 186,000 per year.

James Pete stated he will be attending Wolf Camp – he has individuals stopping in at the cabin just to ask questions. James will also be visiting with Paula Bonney TANF Program. A long time ago a lot of the TANF clients were attending LCO College.

What are the barriers? Child Care, Work, need a GED to go onto college.

There was a lot of discussion around the GED Program. Will they be offering it again? President Swagger stated that it will be offered sometimes down the line.

How can we get the word out about LCO being back on Red Cliff? It was stated that we have our annual Pow-Wow coming up maybe can put a booth up there to get the information out. We need to be our own ambassadors and get the word out.

Awhile ago the young adult that wanting to go on to college were looking for a 4-year degree college and were worried about if the college credits would transfer. LCO College is currently going to be offering a bachelor's program – requirement to register is an associate degree or near completion of an associate degree and a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

James Pete stated there were 5 students now taking an on-line Summer class.

Any thought on night school? Night school would be a great option for the individuals that work all day, they would be able to attend night school.

Councilman Bainbridge stated that we need to connect the college with our school system. Dual Enrollment.

The Red Cliff Council gives out 2 to 3 1,000 scholarships that the council fundraises – maybe LCO could do something like this even if it is something small.

We need support from everybody to make this happen.

Jimmy White stated he is going to take what was given to him about having a feast for the community to talk about what he is going to be doing here on the Knock and Talk Campaign.

Councilman Boyd mentioned to show a cost comparison between to LCO and other colleges. Law Enforcement was a big discussion, on how they are under funded and how Red Cliff struggles with keeping the officers due to there is no state pension. Law Enforcement Officers needs 60 credits to become a Law Enforcement Officer

Also, in discussion was talk on medical coders, dentistry, CFO's having a hard time keeping these positions full.

Discussed a feasibility study to get a building and a place for the LCO college, first there would need to be a study done, then would have to follow the process.

We need to get a commitment in place between Red Cliff Band, LCO College, and Bayfield School – if we do not have that in place it is not going to work. Currently at the Bayfield School there are 10% native teachers and 92% of the students are Native Americans.

Chairman Peterson invited the LCO College Board to attend the Family/Human Services Open House from 4 to 6 p.m.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Johanna Wilson moved to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



*Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council*