

# Western Washington Native American Education Consortium

**September 16th, 2010**  
**Fife School District**  
**9:00-1:00pm**  
**Host: Phyllis Covington**

**Board Room**

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## **I. Call to Order**

## **II. Introductions/Welcome: Sam Morseau/Phyllis Covington**

Sam opened the meeting at 9:30 and introduced Janet Shay (**Name? Title?**) who welcomed us to Fife School District, she was proudly bragging about the school district Indian Ed Program who now has a story teller; basket making; history strand, set up for the whole year. Their intent is to keep sovereignty Native American culture intact.

Sam Morseau, new Chair Kent School District – 5<sup>th</sup> year - 374 students

Dorothy Apple, Judy Duff, Lena Maloney, Joan Banker, Janet Kight, David Syth, Val Gilstrap, Jennifer Todd, Jason LaFontaine, Mary Wilber, Earlene Bala, Barbara Fernandes, Laura Wong-Whitebear

## **III. Approval of Minutes –May-Jamestown S’Kallam.**

Review of minutes–

Changes – Judy Duff had 34 graduates

North Kitsap had 36

Renton had 13

Highline had 56

Bellevue – 15 out of 15

The minutes were approved as corrected.

## **IV. Committee/Board reports**

### **Treasurer report-Val Gilstrap**

Val handed out the financial report. Her District gave her grief about checks coming into the business office so she opened up a post office box just for Consortium business, it is \$74 for the year. Balance is \$6,923.41.

\$3,000 whaling is kept separate over and above the \$6,923.41.

Question: Has anything been spent on whaling? No.

Discussion about a gift for Angelia to acknowledge all the work she has given to the Consortium. It was also mentioned to say thanks to Val for all her work! Great job ladies.

### **Merit Awards– Maxine Alex**

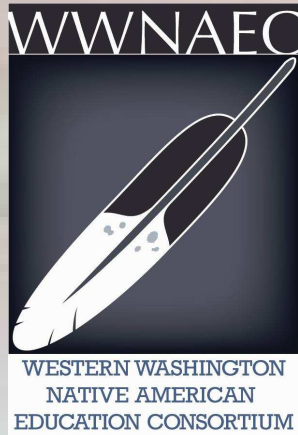
Merit Awards – three awards for Katy Woodman, Raymond Kelly and Heather Mayer. 2 from SK, 1 from Lake Washington - award amount is \$600. We are looking into putting it on our website, let’s put it in future publications about the merit award. There were only 9 applications.

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### **501(c)3 Status– Maxine Alex**

501C(3) – just a couple more things to work on. Need financial statements from the past year. Discussion about if we will need to send out 1099 on future merit award winners if they are over \$500. Since we're not officially 501C(3), we are okay. At the next meeting we will come to the table with items to be voted on.

### **Whaling curriculum– Angelina Nokai**

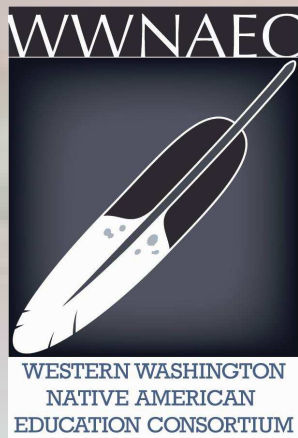
Whaling Curriculum, it's all done, sent to the publisher, should be done soon. Sam asked if we could have a presentation at our next meeting. Things still need to be scanned and copied. The consortium members need to look at it before we send it to the OSPI website. Angelina recommended letting it be completed first. The curriculum has been out there for over 10 years, so it needs to be cleaned up and published. Our goal is to get it on the internet and used. We can't do anything until the Makah approve it with Maria Pascua.

### **Educator's Conference discussion**

## **V. New Business**

### **NIEA Convention**

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Sam passed out a sheet of goals for the year – “Strengthening the Web.” In brainstorming – some of the ideas are: Building a stronger circle work with our local tribes. Make those connections! How do we start implementing and working with the tribal educators? Let the tribes see that the tribal sovereignty connection is important. Get to the Tribal council meetings and make our group known. We can then go back to our school districts and show them what Indian Country is doing. The goals are from our achievement gap – in phases. Ultimately getting a memorandum of understanding with our local tribes. How can we make this consortium stronger and better? A good start can be with a phone call – with tribal educators to bring into our school districts to do cultural activities. Get the tribes data about your students. Many of us rely on tribal grants, STRENGTHEN THOSE RELATIONSHIPS. We all need to continue to share ideas on how to do that. Communication, network, call, meet, share, invite, ask questions, show your appreciation, say thank you in cards, photos, don't take them for granted!

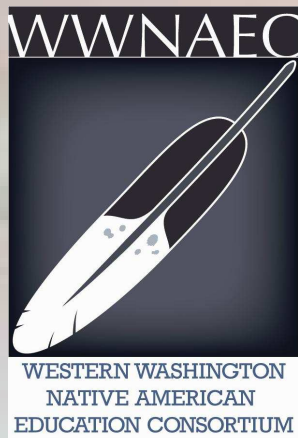
We need a membership drive. We also need to reach out to two year and four year colleges, and upper education native programs and invite them to join WWNEAC to build our presence. We need to reach out! Seattle Indian Health Board also received new funding for tutoring. UW has the native youth enrichment program, it is in beginning stages, but they are building. Sam is trying to contact other agencies – to bring together. Higher ed used to attend our meeting regularly – can we invite them to attend? They have new insight and how to get through hoops. Maybe put on an event for that? If you feed them, they will come! Maybe at the beginning and/or end of the year? Kick off and ending – and in between working on those relationships. Or set it for January? This year our January meeting is in Kent, it's pretty central and may be a good place to invite them? Gear up this year for January, then have a goal next year for our September meeting, then celebrate accomplishments at the end of the year. November meeting is at Suquamish.

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### Educators Conference

Educator's Conference – Sam was thinking something like a Career Fair as a separate event? Would like Government to Government Training again. 200 people trained this summer on the Tribal sovereignty curriculum. Folks from eastern WA, Montana, California, and reviews were great. What is the next step to see who is using it, how the tribes are working with school districts. By Friday, it will be available on line to anyone who wants to use it. Gates Foundation gave \$75,000 to work with the pilot schools to track. They are hosting conferences 10/9 and 10/15, there will be more trainings coming up. Check out the website. Sam suggested/inquired if we could include our whaling curriculum to the website? There are some glitches they are working on within the website, since it's a moodle website. You will need to register and create a password. The website should be fixed on Friday! Sam asked for suggestions / ideas on conferences for educator's conference. Invite OIE!! Maybe an update on tribal sovereignty? This could be very beneficial to school districts – see what other districts are doing. We could invite Evergreen and NW Indian College – UW – have higher based educators come, invite tribes to see what they are doing!! See how pilot schools are using the curriculum, glitches, etc. Are the kids loving it? Teachers love it? The program is for all teachers, not just social studies. It will be word of mouth that gets it used – it hasn't really been promoted until the glitches are worked out. Invite the Native folks who send us emails and advertise their services, i.e. Living Voices and to share resources with our districts. Suggestions were to have the conference in February 24-25. Lena will check with Suquamish, Mary with Little Creek, Jason will check with Great Wolf, Sam will check at Tulalip, getting bids for 2 breakfast and 1 lunch, plus bids for motel. Then we will communicate via email and vote. We would need a silent auction. We need a fund raising committee – tabled for now. Start thinking about what you can donate!

### Career Day

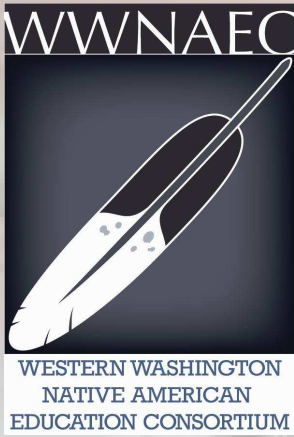
Sam would like to see a Career Day. Different organizations – we'd like to see it, but it's a lot of work. Maybe for next year? A good chance for publicity! Lena invited consortium members to attend the Career and Opportunity Fairs at Suquamish / North Kitsap to share ideas and not try to recreate the wheel. Seems like individual districts are already doing career fairs, maybe we can try something else for youth. Last day of Puyallup Fair there is a career fair. 9/26. Maybe a youth leadership conference would be more feasible. Angelina suggested looking into the military facility at the ocean and it was very reasonable, they have a ropes course. We need to remember we're working for the students! Another thought was a campground, Sunset Lake out of Wilkerson – cabins and kitchens, meeting rooms, outdoor ropes course. One other resource maybe Camp Singing Wind in Toledo, which was recently purchased by the Cowlitz. Maybe focus on middle school for this. Dorothy, Max and Laura would like to start up a committee for a middle school event.

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## **VI. Closing/Wrap Up**

Announcement from Joan Banker, Washington State on Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee looking for a committee member, 3 meetings a year, all expenses paid. Sam volunteered.

Phyllis left a sample of an idea for gifts made out of simlac cans.

Dave suggested checking out Tacoma public schools main page, film of their graduation – live video is on!

Workshops in King County – one is on Becca State conference in Pasco, at the Red Lion – it's reasonable, good ideas on attendance. The other is a gang workshop in Tukwila. King County meeting for Becca in Tukwila, as well, Sam will get the information and share it with us.

Challenge to bring in new members and connections! Focus on networking and building the group with contacts in higher education. Email Sam with names and email addresses.

Dorothy's group is selling Entertainment Books for \$25.

Indian Stereotypes DVD was loaned to Sam, will show at our next meeting. Set your email addresses and links to Sam if they have changed so he can insert them on the Consortium website.

**Lunch on your own**

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