

- I. Call to Order at 9:30
- II. Introduction / Welcome: Sam Morseau / Sally Brownfield gave an opening blessing.
 - *January's meeting may be changed to Native Quest.
 - *Sam pointed out the Voices of Native Education and Native Education 101 brochures, and we are going to order more for handing out at our Educator's Conference.
 - *We need more help in preparation / making up the binders for the conference, it was suggested to put them together at our January meeting.
 - *Date for conference is February 16 and 17. It is scheduled through Emerald Queen, would love to have Doe come back and decorate. What to showcase / theme / presenters?
 - *Sam also sent out what is going to be audited by NIEA, what they are looking for. He also added questions for OSPI and Cedars.
 - *We introduced ourselves around the room. Seems like we all are having the same issues trying to get Title VII forms out and completed!
 - *Sam gave a thank you Lena Pursers-Maloney from the WNIEA conference about a Parent Waiver – if tribes start asking for data, then we can release the student stat information for reporting purposes. Sam will send it to us!
 - *Sam also said he would help walk anyone through the Skyward program to get the information out.
- III. Approval of Minutes – September 15th – Clover Park - Sam asked for any changes or corrections. Earline Bala moved Val Gilstrap seconded to approve the minutes from 9/15/2011.
- IV. Committee/Board Reports
 - A. Treasurer Report – Val Gilstrap – passed out and updated – not much change!
 - B. Merit Awards – Maxine Alex reported that she is getting through the Merit Awards; we required 4 essays, each with a 250 word minimum. So far only 3 have met word count. She will get it done today. She will call and send letters before Christmas, they should have a check! Val had a question on the Merit Award, once we figure out who gets the awards, do students have a time limit? Max said they will have 2 weeks to send a copy of their registration or current student ID or proof they are attending college and can get the money before the holidays? Can send the check to the students or to their home.
- V. New Business
 - A. Cedars Reporting - Robin Munson – Director of Student Information, OSPI and Sheri Dunster – Student Information Coordinator, OSPI came and walked us through the frustrating system that we have to work with. They understand our concerns and suggest that we try and approach it at the Federal level, they can only work with what they have. Discussed the race and ethnicity codes. Data collection and reporting requirements are separate things. In Data collection, families asked if they are Hispanic or non Hispanic. State level requirements ask for sub-categories of race. We now have one full year of data to work with. This is what they are covering. Reporting is dependent on who is requesting and what the request is. Concerns from emails fell in 3 big categories. 1. Federal aggregation misrepresents NA students. i.e. if Hispanic, then counted as Hispanic. 2. Given that, how do we make sure

our Title VII count is accurate? 3. Because of the 2 part question, some counted as Hispanic or multiple races, there may be issues with families really understanding which category they should be marking.

- B. Educator's Conference – Ideas and brainstorm ideas: Very similar to last year because it was such a success. / Food, venue, decorations, no need to recreate the wheel. / Government to Government, OSPI with Tribal Sovereignty, maybe more in depth. / Suggestions from Phyllis Covington - Pilot STI district, High school social studies and have Tribal Lawyers talk about taxation, gaming, fishing rights, questions and answer time to help teachers about what they can teach. / Networking session for teachers who are interested in using the curriculum. / Maybe have six lead teachers to showcase what they are doing? Email Sam their names, get good representation on the different grade levels, math, science, technology. / Good to get copies of the curriculum, i.e. Native American Lit Class, at NK, Native Studies class from Port Angeles. Sam reported that from the NIEA conference, he received copies of different curriculum. Very useful. Also to put on the website. / Tribal government class and Tribal economics were also offered in Albuquerque. Please send Sam examples of what is working. / It was also suggested to put this info on our website to refer teachers to. / Sally Brownfield said the Skokomish have developed curriculum for high school level – they are promoting them with the Shelton School District. OSPI is also working to set up their website with links to the different possibilities. / Please send Sam any resources, i.e. speakers, trainers, teaching tools, museums, etc., to put on our website. / Maxine also suggested that we target something in our conference for Counselors. Lena had a suggestion of Trudy Marcelli from Port Angeles. Riki Jacobs was also suggested, she was the Native Mental Health Specialist for Kitsap County. Judy Duff also suggested Lorraine Grave. Robin is going to ask her Principal. / Indian Child Welfare, Tribal attorneys, etc., for the first day and second day more curriculum type of topics. Maybe some Tribal Education Directions / Leaders to come share Native protocol, etc. to help build community partnerships. / Get some new perspective but building on the success of the last couple of year's conferences. / We need to get things organized SOON and get the word out. / Registration fees same as last year, \$200 per individual, \$400 for 4 or more. / Do we want to have a storyteller? Roger back, someone else? Living Voices? / February seems to be the best time for our conference. / Silent Auction – we need to start gathering items – it's a huge reason for our ability to give out scholarships. / Joan Banker will do an events list to get the word out there. / Sam wants to get the flyer out quick, let Administrators know they can use Title III money to send staff and parents to the conference. / Joan Banker sends invites out to all Principal, Helen sends out in her teleconference, Sam sends to Consortium members, Denny also sends out to his list serve to the world! / Only criticism from last year was that it was too much sitting. / Have video things to watch during breaks, give out t-shirts, and create an atmosphere where people will interact. / How about vendors? / Can we get out a Save the Date by next week? / Maybe an active Title III workshop? / Sam and Helen are working on a PowerPoint presentation for Title III and what it takes to qualify, etc. / Can we use funds to purchase give always – to keep the energy flowing. Phyllis suggested bringing in student groups. / Maybe have an attorney panel?

Stephanie Fryberg? Michael Pavel? Chenoa Egawa? Cornell Pawell? Louie Gong? Michael Pavel for the second day? / First day, maybe someone from the resource side, from a tribal organization? Warren King George? Virginia Cross? Anthony Jones or Gena Beckwith, Ron Whitner, attorneys were suggested. / Sam asked those who put forth names to contact them and see if they may be interested?? ASAP! OIE Recommendation Worksheet for Audit. Joseph Martin, Education Director for Muckelshoot? Jamie Valdez? / Have Drummers or Singer to intersperse between speakers.

C. Closing / Wrap Up

- A. Maxine shared about the Conference N7 – Nike Shoe, specifically for Native Americans. This year they held a motivational conference, sports summit, how to use sports and youth programs to motivate youth at whatever! They have great ambassadors of Native Athletes that work with youth. 2 day conference, \$200, with that you got a pair of shoes in Beaverton. Hotels had shuttles – food was awesome. Entertainment was great, facility was beautiful, hi-tech. N7 has a grant for Native Youth sports – proceeds that come from the shoes funds N7. So many incredible keynotes, not just about sports, the energy level was high. Two tracks, one for administrators, grant writing, Lilan Sparks from ANA talking about how to write grants, folks from the Kellogg’s organization talking about the non profits, John Hopkins did a workshop on how to collect and manage data. Workout sessions for after school programs – and a workout session with the famous trainers, got to tour the campus. Very inspirational! Got to meet the speakers – healthy foods – Let’s Move it, talked about nutrition and food how it relates to life. Talked about diabetes. Great networking opportunities. Awena.
- B. Tami Breckenridge from the College Success Foundation. They work with underrepresented youth through college graduation to get them aware and on the path of further education. Administer lots of scholarship information. Work closely with students in foster care. Charged to bring together folks and network and increase their capacity to reach out to students and not duplicate what other agencies are doing. “Getting College Dollars” and they partner with College Bound Scholarship. Targeting junior high and high school students how to take advantage of these opportunities. Sam said Tami has agreed to do the first break out session on the 16th! FAFSA needs to be completed by February 1st! File it January 1st.
- C. Earline Bala gave an update about conference in December, only \$160, for working with students with Asperbergers or Austism. They are excellent conferences. Also, at the end of September she went to Juneau with her high school football team and while she was there, she met with Sea Alaska Institute. She urged us to share with our Tglinkit Hida students, to go into the Sea Alaska website and get their applications. They do not get a lot of applications from our area. There is a complete list of their scholarships. If they have at least a parent or grandparent, they qualify. Deadline is March 1st. Take the time to check it out!
- D. Mary Wilber – brought her agenda book from NIEA. She shared about the Urban Strand. She appreciates all the help last year with the push for Urban students. They had an Urban Role session, 28 people attended. We have 6 people who are acting on

behalf of the council. They are in the process of writing By-laws to NIEA board meeting today☺ It's a start! Talking points were: asked for webinars, ways to meet together, asking for February of 2013 – it's a work in progress. We need to figure out a list of action items that we would like to see on a national level. Please email Mary if there are things you would like addressed. Sam thanked Mary for her input and support at this level! Urban listening session for Seattle is in January, Mary asked for the date and for them to release the minutes from the other listening sessions. Then we can get an idea here in the NW to steer the direction of the agenda that is going to be worthwhile.

- E. Sam talked about spending about \$1,000 to get shirts and mugs made for the conference to sell and/or give away. We need to gift our presenters, to keep things upbeat and lively during the conference. Clarification, part is for gifts for presenters and audience, it was mentioned no t-shirts, too much hassle with sizes, suggested were coffee cups, travel mugs, water bottles, Starbucks gift cards. Last year we had about 200 folks. Mary made the motion to spend \$1,000 on promotional / giveaway items. Sally seconded, it was unanimously approved.
- F. Sally Brownfield shared gifts and a raffle. Brief announcement, they are the Host Tribe of The 2012 Canoe Journey, coming into Olympia on July 28th, then to Squaxin Island. Sally also brought a couple of books to share, Christmas Moccasins, and Give Away.

Respectfully submitted,

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