

MINUTES – WESTERN WASHINGTON NATIVE AMERICAN CONSORTIUM 9/15/2011

- I. Call to Order Mary Wilbur opened with prayer – thanks Angelina for setting up!
- II. Introductions / Welcome : Sam Morseau / Angelina Nockai

Wally Endicott – Executive Director – Hope Center – cultural framework – working on kid's assets not trying to fix what is wrong. Hopology – Hopologists☺ Boys and Girls are building community centers – new way of collaborating – base on common belief system of Kid's of Hope. How we treat each other and how we treat our kids. Many similarities in Kid's of Hope philosophy and Native American teaching – believe that every child has a gift. All children are capable of success, no exceptions. It takes leaders, not managers. Need a cultural shift – what we should value, intentionally prove that ALL kids are successful, and value the adults that work with the kids, including the parents and families – it takes a village – every caring adult. To value each other. No finger pointing, no placing blame and fault, success is not just passing a test. Gallup Student Poll – research folks studying (10 year) HOPE engagement and well-being among our students from grades 5 – 12, they are finally surveying the students☺ They work with the HOPE scale. The best predictor of their success is how they do on the HOPE scale, not the standardized tests. Every child should have at least one, let's hope for 5 successful relationships with an adult. If young people are going to succeed concept for kid's to mentally time travel. It's nothing new, just to be intentional to encourage kids to think about their future and be able to articulate it! Write down their own vision of success. It should not be defined by test scores.

How to bring a culture into a building where everyone is searching for the treasures in kids. Treasure Hunting! When we search, we find them☺ It works. Talk positive, no negative talk – be a school of HOPE. PBIS Positive behavior intervention strategy. RTI – Response to Intervention.

- III. Approval of Minutes from May – Jamestown S'Klallam
2 spelling corrections on names - Motion to approve Val Gilstrap – Judy Duff 2nd. Minutes passed.

- IV. Committee/ Board reports
Treasurer report – Val Gilstrap – handed out – balance of \$12,731.41 –Educator's Conference registration now includes membership to his exclusive organization.

Merit Awards – Maxine Alex – 10 applications last year, we require a word count and some did not meet that. We hoped to give out 10, but decided if there wasn't a good effort on the application. Will give out 5. Next year's process will be the same – should we post our scholarship on the watch board or keep it among ourselves? It's really geared for consortium member's participating students. It will be on our website. We want to get it out as soon as possible.

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Angelia Nockai reported on the Whaling Curriculum, it is held up with attorneys. Angelia is sending a weekly email requesting the final approval. She still will be applying for grants to promote it. Sam asked to include any tribal curriculum when writing the grants. The Memorandum of Understanding requires a report every 3 years – to see if the Makah wanted to add anything further. Thank you Angelia for your dedication!!!

Elections – Sam opened for further nominations - only one open is Vice-Chair – Cindy Kelly – and Mary Wilbur were nominated. Mary Wilbur was elected.

V. New Business

Kathy McCrae is working on Culture Center, Native Quest, for all urban Natives. Our students need a sense of heritage. Handed out brochures – a wonderful new resource! They have a bookstore, museum shop, gallery, interactive museum, resource center and café! It will be at 2354 Jefferson Avenue, www.NativeQuest.net They are looking for interns. Not trying to duplicate, just support!! They are starting a Native American Chamber of Commerce, i.e. Native businesses to share. Donations welcome through PayPal. Trying to include all senses – they have classes – many hands on activities, a tee-pee and a canoe. Want drum groups, dancers, etc., to come. 2nd Friday of each month they have a storyteller. Gene Tagabon first one on 10/14. Check out the websites to share with families! Building will be available on Sundays to rent, for i.e. funerals, celebrations.

NIEA Convention 9/26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 – in Albuquerque. – Sam wanted a head count to see who is going – 8 – 9 present are going ! To work on TEDNA. We need to support them and let them know we are going to continue working with our students and their tribes. Title VII IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

WWNAEC Yearly Vision/Mission “Networking” We have made so much progress – continue to connect with tribes and other agencies. They are bringing us together as well.

Living Voices – Rachel McClinton shared information about her company – Lilly Gladstone will be back in November. November is Native American Heritage Month. Let’s share the wealth and connect with our neighboring districts to experience this wonderful venue! Check out their website!!!

Earline Bale spoke on her Urban Youth Conference from a Muckelshoot grant. It was a real blessing – they want to do it again at Renton High School. She wrote another grant – for another workshop – free registration, in return, she would ask that we volunteer in some capacity, (supplies, etc.). The speaker, an Urbanologist, from Muckelshoot, Valerie Seagrest; a Historian, Louie Gong, for kids and families were overwhelmed, they loved it! She would like to provide break out sessions. Good news is it was beneficial. She invited us each to bring 4 – 5 students. Email Earline for the name of the dancing group.

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Credit Retrieval - Trying to figure out what resources are available. Sharing and asking how it works – if you have brochures or any information, please send to Sam. Federal Way uses an internet academy, open to any WA school, the beauty of it, the student has to have taken the course, standardized course and failed to be eligible. Student has to show they have failed, or didn't get credit, has to be on their transcript or counselor has to sign off, they take a diagnostic test of what they know, then they set up the curriculum for that student. The highest grade you can get is a C, but it is set up for 6 weeks. You're not tested on what you know, but what you don't know and it's \$195.00. We can use Title VII money for it if they need the credit to graduate. You can do it throughout the school year in addition to your regular class. Academy.org BYU also has online courses available (some are cheaper) – and they are 12 week programs, it's a little more involved, but it works! Local tribes also may be able to help with credit retrieval. Advanced Academics is another online resource, one credit is about \$300. www.advancedacademics.com

Job Descriptions – if we have job descriptions to send and share – to be progressive through the school year. Joan Banker said she will send us an email to send our job descriptions to. Joan also said Rebecca _____ has started the Early Learning _____ age 1 – 5, at Muckelshoot, October 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., in their Early Learning – 1st building on right hand side.

Educators Conference

- VI. Closing / Wrap up - We need to make up a survey about keeping statistics. Sam will send out a questionnaire to start and build on.

Kp asked for sharing of DVD's, book titles, i.e., "Education of Little Tree" which she recently read and really enjoyed. SPIPA – if you have an office in your area, check them out – a wonderful resource. Also, if we would bring our brochures (if you have them) to come and share – bring 20 and we'll share – why recreate the wheel? Sam suggested to scan our brochures and send them to him – he'll also re send the scholarship. "Why Are All the Black kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria" – another good book suggested. Kathy also suggested AISES a conference for Senior students. Sam also mentioned the ____ - rockets and 1st Saturday Science Academy is the 24th, first 30 students get a twenty dollar gift certificate. Sam will send out the information. Kathy also has a fabulous webmaster and we can share any finds – resources for Native people! Nathaniel Davis, NW Indian College, outreach – Sam will send us the info. Angelina Nockai's daughter does presentations, The Jingle Dancer, she reads the book and gets the kids involved – does a marvelous job☺ Please contact Angelina to book her. She gets all her talent from Angelina! Her name is also Angelina☺ She charges around \$75 per hour, plus travel, she recommends up to 3 classes per presentation or a small class in a gym with maybe 5 classes. Email address is: anockai@gmail.com to contact her directly.

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We toured the Boys and Girls Club, Gary and Carol Milgard Family Hope Center – what a beautiful facility!

Cedars – still issues with the multi-racial – so reports will still be inaccurate. It really messes with Title VII programs trying to identify Native students. Joan will bring some stats at our next meeting.