

Western Washington Native American Education Consortium

Lake Washington School District

November 19, 2009

Host: Mary Wilber

Attendees: Phyllis Covington, Sam Morseau, Earline Bala, Angelina Nockai, Joan Banker, Shelly Hamrick, Val Gilstrap, Kathy Payne, Mary Wilbur, Maxine Alex, Denny Hurtado, Robin Pratt, Lena Purser-Maloney, Annette Townsend - Parent, Nadine Bill, Arlie Neskahi – new Seattle S.D. coordinator, Laura Wong Whitebear – new Edmonds SD coordinator, Julian Argel, Ross Braine – UW Talent Search, Gary James - Census, Tobi Iverson – Census, Polly Olsen – UW School of Med. And Summer Program, Nan McNutt, Linda Laviille, Barbara FernandesKemp

Introductions

Opening remarks and welcome by our host, Mary Wilber and by Phyllis Covington and Sam Morseau.

Mary especially thanked her parent group for their great support. Her job is made easier by all. She also has great support from her district.

September 24, 2009 Minutes

Changes made: Shaun Peterson name corrected; dinner to be cancelled in place of Silent Auction for fund raising.

Sam Morseau: motion to accept. Seconded: Shelly Hamrick Motion passed. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report

See report for account information. There is a balance of \$6,439.09 and the amount of the Merit Award is 5,010.36. Sam asked for an updated contact list and if reminders can be sent for people and programs to get fees in. Val will work on this. Treasurer Report accepted.

Logo/Web Site, Banner

Motion made by Phyllis Covington to accept the new logo designed by Shaun Petersen. Seconded by Max Alex. Motion passed.

Merit Award

Max reported that we have paid out 3 of the 4 awards. December 15 is the deadline for school attendance confirmation. Paperwork management is getting better – applications are getting out earlier with deadline and other information. We can change or add what questions they are asked to respond to in essays. House Bill 1495 needs to be revisited for changes, etc. Applicants can be asked respond on more personal issues. The information to state there is a \$500.00 award amount, application is due April 1st, deadline for school acceptance/attendance will be December 15. The application and process can be made available on the WWNAEC web site for on-line and print form. The applicant and person/program that nominated them and their connection to that program as well as name of scholarship winners when selected with brief information on them can be added to the web site. The committee formed to review and collect: Max Alex, Rebecca Kreth.

OIE Report/Letters

Shelly Hamrick reported on information coming out of OIE. Vancouver S.D. was questioned about Federal and State Tribal registrations as well as having a short notice visit/review of his program. OIE was reviewing Oregon programs and just decided to drop in and visit Vancouver. It is reported by Paula Davis that OIE is going to use a new contractor to do online grants and there is not much info coming out at this point because changes are being made as well as new administration in DC. New grant information can be coded as "spam" by some districts so be sure to check that you are getting emails from OIE. Washington may be audited this year is what was said at one OIE meeting in WI at NIEA. From this point on, all 506 forms need to have name of self, parent, or grandparent that is member of specific tribe. Be sure to have all information prepared, correct, up to date. If anyone has forms from the workshops in WI at NIEA, please share. Denny Hurtado says that Dr. Gerald Gipp will be Interim Program Leader at OIE until at least mid January so many things are on hold. More on OIE will be discussed after lunch and other agenda items.

Census 2010

Gary James and Tobi Iverson shared information and pleas to get families to report Indian on Census and want to help get the information out to families/communities. It is important for funding of many valuable programs. There is curriculum available and it would be helpful for committee and all to get districts on board. A hiring push is on so let people know of that as well. Contact information is available.

UW Summer Native Youth Enrichment Program

Polly Olsen from UW has received stimulus funding to work with school programs to support Native students in Math and Science. Plans are to work with Kent Schools, Seattle Schools, Highline Schools and Suquamish Programs. The goal is to work with at least 15 students at each site to build skills and receive cultural support, credit retrieval and building support systems. Another main goal is partnership building. Several other sites have these types of programs. Hopes are to expand to other sites and to make this long term. Handout was available for more detailed information.

Some Announcements/Introductions

Lunch fry bread being made by Carol, Arlie's sister and served and prepared by parents of Lake Washington PAC. Angelina brought beautiful bags from the health department available to you for FREE. Nan McNutt brought books free for the taking.

Fund Raising Committee and Educators Conference

Robin Pratt reported on fund raising. It will be much easier to communicate with her though email. All can be soliciting items and money for the Educators Conference, etc. Phyllis suggested we may put together wonderful baskets such as were available in the lobby for bidding.

The cost for the conference at Little Creek Casino February 25-26, 2010 is 1 day: \$125.00/Gov't to Gov't Training; 2 day: \$175.00; times for both days: 9-2:00. We need to add to the web site room rates + tax, possibly reserve a block of rooms – 40? The cost would be \$70. + tax for February 25 and 26, 2010. Signs could be posted all around the casino about the auction. There could be pins, with our logo, for sale and possibly bags such as what Angelina shared with us. Ross suggested proxy bid online. Shaun Petersen could be invited for us to thank him for our logo design. He could come to Auburn meeting or we could pay for a night at the Elucidators Conference if he chose.

Information Sheet and Registration form were available.

Whaling Curriculum

It has been 10 years since idea for the Whaling Curriculum began. Some past committee members are Julian Argel, Ken LaFontaine, Colleen Almojuela, Romaine Watt, Virginia Bill, etc. - many different people have come to the forefront to lead this effort. Angelina Nokai has stepped in to see it come to completion. Many thanks. Applications are out there for funding. A \$1,000 donation was received. We will need more than the \$5,000 we originally discussed. The materials should be ready to present at the Educators Conference. The goal is to have 3,000 CDs available. The Makah tribe needs to ok the materials as well. Phyllis and Angelina went and videoed Maria Pasqua. There will be a Teacher's Guide available. Denny says that make sure work is aligned with standards and it will be easier to have students receive credits. The cost for the conference, room, food, registration and gas should be paid for those presenting at the conference. Other grantors and corporations such as Boeing will be approached for funding. The curriculum will be in three parts. The opening will be the article by Maria Pasqua "1491", in the 1991 National Geographic Magazine.

NIEA

NIEA and workshop information was shared. Sam Morseau went to Exemplary Programs and reported that the information was somewhat outdated and need more current data and information on programs using other types of learning venues such as music, to give advice on how to serve students in larger districts and share resources. His tribe's, Potawatomie, workshop was good and had information that he could use in a great summer program they do. Mary Wilber went to one on Math but she felt that more information on how to get students credits for projects was needed. They could get credits for working on the Pow Wow, other events and projects that they spend much time and research on should be credited on transcripts. Arlie shared information about credits the students get on American Indian Studies and there is a syllabus available. Angelina shared that is best to meet and work with your principals in each building and to work with Career Programs for Independent Study. Mary also attended some of the NIEA meetings and found out that Lillian Sparks will be leaving for another position.

Earlene Bala attended a workshop on FAE/FAS and new brain research. Very good information and we could try to get the presenter to come share with us at some point. Earlene also attended the OIE workshop and picked up worksheets that she can share. It was mostly geared toward new start up projects/programs. She also picked up some good scholarship packets.

OIE

Discussion was continued about issues for/about OIE. Earlene Bala has some materials she collected from the workshop at NIEA. Denny Hurtado reports that there will be a letter to OIE regarding improving efforts for Native programs to work more closely with Parent Advisory Committee groups and other concerns. He can add in or send letter regarding some of the groups concerns. Some concerns: information and communications and program information due while many are on school vacations; on time communications instead of short notice. Some have already received information about the grant period being open Dec 15 2009 and to close April 2010.

Denny reports that NIEA Convention to be earlier: Oct 7-10 in San Diego, CA. NIEA really needs your membership. The convention attendance was low this year. ESEA Reauthorization is this year and NIEA will be working on that as well.

Announcements

Angelina Nockai reported on the workshop for Shadow of the Salmon. The teacher's guide is very nice, Michael Pavel put together the EALERs. These are available from Phyllis Covington. Joan Banker has copies, too.

Nadine Bill gave a handout on the November 30th launch at Daybreak Star for the release of the report "Pathways for Native Students: A Report on Washington State Colleges and Universities." All are invited. This was funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation/Millennium Scholars. Participants included Evergreen State College, Antioch U, W.W.U, Grays Harbor. There were at least 40 instructors that participated. The second part is very important for K-12 educators. It is an Inventory of Programs – how they work, who they work with, services by institution. This goes along with the Achievement Gap study and Early Childhood Engagement reports. Hopefully this will stimulate great dialogue. Dissemination is to go along with the release of the Report on February 17, 2010 at the Double Tree, Southcenter.

Bring your program displays to share on the second day of the Educators Conference.

MEETING ADJOURNED 1:40 p.m. Thanks for coming.

Next Meeting: Auburn/Muckleshoot Tribal School Library on January 21, 2010.