

Western Washington Native American Education Consortium

Central Kitsap School District

September 24, 2009

Host: Kathleen Payne

Attendees: Phyllis Covington, Sam Morseau, Earline Bala, Coleen Almojuela, Angelina Nockai, Joan Banker, Judy Duff, Val Gilstrap, Kathy Payne, Amy Everskcige, Christine Bloomfield, Mary Wilbur, Lois Baker, LeNora Trahant, Barbara FernandesKemp

Introductions.

New Additions to the Agenda: Merit Awards, WA Business Week presentation by Tracy Turcotte, and strike Polly Olsen for UW Native American Youth Program – she will reschedule for the following meeting.

Opening remarks . Phyllis Covington welcomed all and we are celebrating our 30th year!!! She turned the meeting over to Sam Morseau. Thank you to Kathleen Payne for hosting and having a wonderful WARM brunch.

Later Kathleen Payne introduced her supervisor, Chris Wyatt, Director of Student Services, who then welcomed us to Central Kitsap. Kathleen is doing a great job and has doubled her grant amount. She feels supported by Chris.

Following several committee reports and discussions Kathleen then introduced the Superintendent, Greg Lynch. Please see the discussions that followed at the end of the committee reports.

May 21, 2009 Minutes

Changes made: Correct Penny Octuck-Cole on last page, Elected/At Large 1, nominations section. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report

See attached report for account information. There are no outstanding charges, everything is cleared from auction and educators conference.

Motion made by Val Gilstrap to accept report. Seconded: Kathleen Payne Motion passed.

Logo/Web Site, Banner

Shawn Petersen helped create the logo for the banner we last used and he has decided to make one for us that is more representative of WWNAEC. He created the first one when in high school and has since learned much from elders and others about his traditional art and design. Our new design will be on the web site, a new banner will be made at Quinalt for about \$100. It was mentioned that we could make t-shirts leaving off the date and use as fundraisers and gifts.

Motion made by Phyllis to accept new logo and get new banner, seconded by Val. Motion passed.

We are getting lots of 'hits' on the web site so send in any contact changes, organization web sites, etc. to Sam so he can get them up on the site

Pay Pal Account: It was discussed to let Pay Pal lapse as we do not need it and there is a cost, we use Potlatch Fund.

Motion made by Shelly Hamrick to eliminate PayPal. Seconded: Angelina Nokai. Motion passed.

We were introduced to and welcomed by Chris Wyatt, Director of Student Services. See message above.

Fund Raising Committee

There was discussion regarding eliminating the Silent Auction from Educators Conference. We could host a table at WSIEA to bring better profit. WSIEA may not be excited about that as they have their raffle so possibly an auction table. At the upcoming WSIEA meeting this will be discussed and check for permission. We could sell tickets all year and raffle off a Pendleton or Quilt. Angelina suggests she has access to those and we could present at Pow Wow or other event. We would be careful on how we put tickets out there as in the past some were lost. It could be put on spread sheet to monitor. Phyllis suggested we could do one or two events for fundraising as Whaling Curriculum is completed and it is also a way to fundraise for Merit Awards. This is great a great way to satisfy our social component that is so valuable to who we are.

Motion made by Kathy to clear out Silent Auction. Seconded by Earline. Motion passed.

New discussion started by Sam on a new goal if taking on Career Day as a Consortium event. There have been some good ones. Transportation can be an issue but we can work on that. Some districts not allowing field trips. Many have CDL license and vans available so that is a possible way of transporting for some. Phyllis says there is an issues with parents driving as far as being insured, etc.

Here Kathy Payne introduced Greg Lynch, Superintendent of Central Kitsap. He was at the Native American Program's honoring ceremonies at year end. Much discussion ensued. Please see notes at the end of committee reports.

Washington Business Week's Tracey Turcotte presented information about a great summer entrepreneurship program on site at PLU, Gonzaga, Central WA, and this August at WWAU. This summer 985 students participated. They have pathway programs as well. She had brochures and other information available. This is definitely a program to consider for students.

Whaling

The Whaling Curriculum is completed!! The account is all cleared out. Rooms, food, mileage and stipends have all been paid. Many many thanks to Sally Brownfield, Maria Pasqua, and Jennifer Rock. Muckleshoot gave the start up monies of \$10,000. Many THANKS. Another \$4,000. came from fundraising.

A meeting with the Makah tribe will happen to receive their blessing and get input on tradition music, etc.

The curriculum has three sections/units and is still being tweaked. The article 1491 by Maria Pasqua is part of the curriculum.

The following subjects are included in the curriculum: Civics, Worl History, Geography, Social Studies, Science , Law.

Music and other fine tuning are needed. It should be ready to be presented to us at November's meetings. An idea that we all liked was to have an introduction like the one Denny Hutado does on the Reading Curriculum CD.

Discussion followed about how to get it out, CD, manuals, etc. and costs, getting it on web sites. An idea for getting it on CD's is Dept. of Information Services. The cost is 1.25 for disc, and artwork on sleeve. The curriculum could be presented at the Educators Conference in March.

Angeline suggested we try for a grant of about \$5,000. for the project and she has agreed to pursue this.

Motion made by Colleen to write the grant, Seconded: Earline. Motion passed.

Educator's Conference

Sam spoke to plans for the conference and having one day for the Indian Affairs Education Achievement Gap and one to present the Whaling Curriculum to be held at Little Creek Casino. Phyllis talked about the Government to Government training being held two times a month in different locations. It is a great starting point for Sovereignty Curriculum which can be used in 4th grade Social St and in History classes. It would be great for all teachers of these courses. Try to bring administrators to the Educators Conf. There is an extra charge of \$110. Per person but will negotiate if more than 25 participants. This could be held on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 and the other part of the conference to be held on Thursday Feb 25, 2010. Sally and Gail will work on Little Creek to set up. One could have the choice of attending one or both days of the conference for separate fees. Angelina brought up the point that the consortium is a networking system to brag about student achievements and share information. We could set up a social sharing and bring displays. Sam said we could have tee shirts with the logo- not dates – available.

Earline suggests we need to bring this sharing and rejuvenating time back and maybe increase meetings to all day again. It sends us back with more energy and power to continue to do our jobs. We could have round table discussions, talk about how we get 506's, what we are doing that works, what we would like help or information on.

Motion made by Earline to have two day Educators Conference at Little Creek Casio, Thursday 2/25/2010 for the Whaling Curriculum, School Displays, Crafts and Friday 2/262010 for the Government to Government Training, Seconded by Kathy Payne. Motion passed.

A committee was set up to work with the casino on the banquet: Mary Wilbur, Earline Bala, Kathy Payne and they will work with Sally Brownfield on this. Date will be secured. Cost: 1 day for \$150. and 2 days for \$200. A room will cost around \$85. Joan will help with printing up brochures and registrations.

Brainstorming Fundraising We need to raise money for the Merit Awards. We could have four fundraisers: WSIEA auction as mentioned above is one. This was discussed last spring and some talk about some pursuing this was discussed. Any ideas, any help – greatly appreciated.

Merit Award

Maxine wasn't available to report but we had discussions regarding amounts and pay outs and who was selected. The names we had are: Dylan Calhoun, Daniel Romero, David Price, Chelsea Blakeley. There were six and four with complete applications. Verification that Dylan Calhoun and Daniel Romero are attending has been received. We will have until December for verification on others. The payout was for up to six applicants for \$500. up to \$650.

Motion made by Phyllis that the amount of the Merit Award will be \$500. For four students upon receiving confirmation of attendance. Seconded by Earline. Motion passed.

The applicant information will be kept on a spread sheet: what district from, what college/tech program going to, etc.

501c3 Phyllis reported that we are at the tail end of this. Mostly all that needs to happen is for Max to provide By Laws and accounting for finances.

Motion made by Phyllis to request from Max if approval information can be completed by end of October. Seconded by Barbara. Motion passed.

Christine mentioned that her district has a new school enrollment that asks for which Native students are WA tribes and which are Federally Recognized. Is it mandatory? Has anyone else heard of this? More to be explored.

Next Meeting Youth Program and Census to be discussed.

Meeting will be November 19th at Lake Washington SD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Central WA – Multi Ethnic Think Tank Meeting; 8th Grade Camp;

Meeting adjourned.

Motions Passed:

May 2009 Minutes: Motion made by Val Gilstrap to accept report. Seconded: Kathleen Payne. Motion passed.

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**** Superintendent Greg Lynch** had many things to say regarding educating Native American students and that the district is working hard to help Native students succeed in Central Kitsap. He has been reading and studying reports and attending workshops about cultural differences. He is inviting parents and the community to work together on this. He is interested in meeting with tribes. He talked about "Code Switching," "hot and cold buttons."

Many great, wonderful, and truthful points were shared during this discussion.

Colleen offered input on this valuable discussion. Important points to note: Native American tribes are sovereign nations – government to government dealings and all need to understand what this means, there are trainings happening all over on sovereignty; students CAN Code Switch; teachers, staff and student need to be educated; we must be careful not to create barriers between students; RELATIONSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS – the most powerful issue in working with students – get to know personal things about each one; new push for education coming from business-Community Core State Standards – goes into effect next month.

Earline added information: Staff must be trained, no longer are districts traditionally white, have moved to larger minority populations; she is working on this in her district; a difficult issues because no one in district likes to hear TRAIN STAFF.

Christine offered some points: districts send message that students of color do not meet standards – terminology needs to change as does ways of showing success; must connect with heart not just head and deal with emotional responses.

Angelina discussed issues such as the curriculum the teachers use does not address all students and often represents stereotypes - this needs to be corrected; there is valuable information in shared tribal histories and histories of new comers; much more communication with students is needed, get to know them, there is the RELATIONSHIP building idea again that is so valuable.

Sam stated that it was nice to have a Superintendent come to our meeting. It is the kind of change we need.

Denny Hurtado will be having a workshop at the WA State School Superintendents meeting. Joan will send out the info.