

Western Washington Native American Education Consortium

Muckleshoot Tribal School K-12

January 21, 2010

Host: Robin Pratt

Attendees: Phyllis Covington, Sam Morseau, Earline Bala, Angelina Nockai, Joan Banker, Val Gilstrap, Kathy Payne, Mary Wilbur, Maxine Alex, Robin Pratt, Lena Purser-Maloney, Annette Townsend, Laura Wong Whitebear. Nan McNutt, Shirley Brown, Myrna Fisher, guest, Willard Bill, Jr., Gail Morris, Elaine Grinnell, Dorothy Apple, Nora Trahant, Leon Strom, Rebecca Kreth, David Syth, Reginold Reid, guest – OSPI Title I, Sherri Foreman - Librarian, Kathy from McRae's Books, Barbara FernandesKemp

Introductions

Opening remarks and welcome by Willard Bill, Jr. We were welcomed to the beautiful Muckleshoot K-12 school. What a beautiful school and location. We were invited to lunch in the cafeteria with students and staff and will have a tour – along with the exciting Fire Drill.

Opening remarks and prayer offered by Elaine Grinnell.

Agenda Change

Reginald Reid, OSPI Title I was moved to the top of the agenda due to time constraints. Sam Morseau welcomed him. A long discussion was held regarding SES through Title I which offers options for families and students in Title I schools. Outside tutoring is paid for. This can happen in various ways and one thing that is really needed is Native American tutors, programs, services. Funding is provided through Title I. Training is in place to help applicants. This is exciting and very important. We will have Reginald invited back in the future to present and get more detailed information. There was a hand out with contact information and web sites. Some ideas: Sam suggested it may be a plan to contact Seattle Indian Health, having a Resource Center at a portable in his district and that could possibly expand to include tutoring through Title I; Robin states, with many agreeing, that the information to parents is sent out very late and not well publicized and we need to work to change that. We look forward to a future workshop/presentation, possibly at the Educators Conference, where more information will be shared. The dates and times will be finalized.

A Heartfelt Welcome

Leon Strom was able to join us. He has just hired on at Muckleshoot School. He had great words to share and to welcome us and that he was very happy to be part of this group and to see so many friends. "We are challenged today to make Global People of our youth. Many tribes are becoming economically stable and this makes a great difference." It is very important that we keep in mind the issues our students bring with them to school and to just welcome them, even when/if they are tardy. "Hi. So glad you are here. We hope you can make the best of this day." Very powerful reminder. He is so happy to see Indian Education moving forward and being there at the new Muckleshoot School is a great joy and notice of the great things that can happen.

November 19, 2009 Minutes

The minutes were read and no changes needed in the minutes. **Minutes accepted.**

Treasurer's Report

Val Gilstrap reported that we received \$3,000. from grants sent out by Angelina Nockai. Thanks and GREAT job Angelina. There was a total amount \$324.20 paid out this month. See report for account information. Sam brought up the idea that we need to keep the whaling funds separate from other funds. Phyllis and Val said yes that that will definitely happen. The presenters for the Whaling Curriculum: Maria Pasqua, Sally Brownfield, and Jennifer Rock, will be donating their **Earline made motion to accept the report. Angelina seconded the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Report accepted.**

Merit Award/501c3

Max Alex reported that the new applications are ready for the end of January. She is including a release so we can post photos and information on applicants. It will be available on the web site with hard copies of forms needing original signatures still responsibility of applicant to get them in. Only three students were able to finalize the process and get the scholarship last year.

Max also reported that the main thing needed for completion of the 501c3 status is a list of events and activities WWNAEC has participated in and sponsored over the past 20 years. Robin Pratt as our historian, and Mary Wilbur assisting, will begin to get this done. Send anything you have to her via e-mail or bring to have scanned at the conference. There will be a notebook available to add what you have.

Fund Raising

Robin Pratt discussed a donation letter Gail Morris has a copy of a donation letter we can use for fundraising and she will make it available. We are still checking into a table at WSIEA in the spring. It was discussed to sell the pins with our logo and to check into travel mugs with logo and sell them for \$10.00. We will post flyers around the the casino and Gail will give Robin contact names to check which locations we can post them.

Some donations for the upcoming auction are coming in: Brooke has Mariners tickets, Sam is donating a 15" drum, Earline is donating 3 of her photos that have been entered into contests and were selected for 1st choice, and honorable mention.

Whaling Curriculum

The presenters, Sally Brownfield, Maria Pasqua, Jennifer Rock will be at Educators Conference and will donate their time so that we do not have to pay them. We may end up paying for a room. The artist, Aaron Parker, will be paid \$800. for the beautiful paintings. It is moving forward, almost completed. If not everything is ready by March, the goal is to definitely be ready for April's WSIEA conference in Spokane. Two of five grants have come in. Angelina did a great job – Thanks.

Educators Conference

We would like to see more administrators coming. It is reported that Coleen Almojuela is bring 20 from her district, Lena is bringing around 16 - all mostly for the Government to Government training. We may have a crowd and are we prepared for overrun? We definitely needed 35 to pay and it looks like we will be able to have more than that. The cost for one day conference is \$125.00 and registration forms are available. Please go back and push for administrators. Have a face to face conversation when possible, this seems to help. Also, try to include the school boards. Get on agendas at the district and building level meetings. It was discussed to have local tribes send out invitations and information to school districts.

Clock hours will be worked out by Joan Banker. Thank you, Joan! This was a great idea suggested by Elaine Grinnell. It was also suggested that groups sit at tables for introductions and show of support/numbers such as what is done during tribal meetings.

Foster Care

Keith Egawa joined us from District 4 Indian Child Welfare and Foster Parenting. He left a nice handout and would like all to consider this much needed and wonderfully rewarding idea to foster Native children.

OIE

OIE will be at WSIEA conference. A letter went out with parent concerns and some of our concerns we discussed in the previous meeting.

New Business/Announcements

Racial ID: There are new forms for families to complete for the Ethnicity/Race Count. Districts are asking for name of tribal affiliation and Title VII cannot provide information form 506 forms. More discussion and possible workshop later.

506: More discussion followed about which students can be counted. In WA we can refer to Jay Treaty as far as some of the Canadian First Nations. More clear information is available on FAQ section of Title VII Grant.

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

Next Meeting: Suquamish Tries, Coleen Almojuela, host on March 18, 2010.

May 20, 2010 will be hosted by Elaine Grinnell at Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes.

Submitted by Barbara Fernandes Kemp