

Western Washington Native American Education Consortium

Federal Way School District

March 19, 2009

Host: Maxine Alex

Attendees: Maxine Alex, Phyllis Covington, Samuel Morseau, Val Gilstrap, Shelly Hamrick, Dorothy Apple, Elaine Grinnell, Kathy Payne, Rebecca Kreth, Gordy Linse, Lois Palmer, Penny Octuck-Cole, Jason LaFontaine, Lois Baker, Shirley Brown, Robin Pratt, Ann Bates, Laura Lyn, Barbara FernandesKemp, Guests: from Federal Way S.D. Chris Wills; from NWIF – Steve L. Robinson; from Pacific Institute – GiGi Williams and Lisa Eschenbad

Introductions/ Welcome:

Chris Willis welcomed us to Federal Way and is very proud of the Indian Education Program and Maxine Alex and all of her hard and important work. He is very supportive of the program and has seen many positive effects.

Congratulations to Gail Morris – she has received her Teacher Certificate and will begin her student teaching!!!

January 15, 2009 Minutes

Corrections to January minutes were covered. Motion made by Kathy Payne to accept and seconded by Rebecca Kreth. Minutes accepted.

Requests were made that, after corrections, a copy of corrected minutes is sent out before each upcoming meeting.

Treasurer Report – Val Gilstrap

The reimbursement of \$363.00 for Val Gilstrap for the web site was signed off by Phyllis Covington. The process is acceptable per regulations for the chair-person to approve. Discussed whether we need another person to sign off on payments.

Val Gilstrap reported on the budget. The total continues to be off by \$7.68 but the budget matches up to all bank statements. Val will diligently search!

Potlatch Fund has not processed all payments for the Dinner/Auction and Educators Conference.

There is around \$200.00 in the Pay Pal account at this time. There can only be \$500.00 transferred to the account per month. There is a .50 charge per transaction.

There was an issue with gift purchases because of not having the 501c3 status.

The costs of the Educators Conference and Dinner Auction were covered. At this time the profit is \$3317.28.

For the 501c3 status, two years of financial reports must be tracked.

There do not seem to be any tax payment records. Maxine Alex says we have not made enough money for taxes to be paid and we have the nonprofit status.

Shelly Hamrick stated that she found notes in Treasurer Report from the minutes of 05/10/2007 that there was an amount \$3958.63 that was to be transferred to a separate Merit Award account. Shelly will follow up with Judy Duff and Lena P. Maloney and report back.

Merit Award – Maxine Alex

Maxine Alex reported that the due date for applications and all supporting documents is April 4. There will be no extensions. There are three categories. The application packet and information is on the web site. Last year the amount of the award was \$600.00 and there were two consolation awards of \$200.00 each. Discussion followed on what the amount should be this year and if there would be any consolation awards.

Discussions on amount of awards will be discussed after applications are submitted. Lois Baker made a suggestion that the amount be more for applicants applying for 4-year colleges. This will be taken to the committee (Maxine Alex, Sally Brownfield, and Rebecca Kreth) and a report will follow.

Phyllis Covington stated that this organization is doing a great job on scholarship/merit awards and that is what we are all about. There was much agreement from all.

By Laws/501c3/Potlatch Sponsorship

Shelly Hamrick reported on many changes and that the By Laws will be aligned with State Articles of Incorporation. Shelly and Lena P. Maloney have worked many hours on the By Laws. Shelly shared the many changes in wording and order of placement. It was recommended that we make the By Laws a whole new document. Changes will be made to add the Historian and 2 members at large, and to add a Dissolution Clause at the end of By Laws.

By Laws – Shelly Hamrick, continued

Shelly will send out copies of the By Laws and changes that were made, motions made and dates when amended. The changes will be finalized and voted on at the May meeting. This will be presented first on the agenda with any new changes to be added. We will follow up on possible changes to Articles of Incorporation. WWNAEC will celebrate 30 years this year.

Maxine Alex reported on 501c3. We need to add policies regarding Conflict of Interest. There are several ideas/examples for wording. Should they be included in By Laws? in Policies and Procedures? WSIEA is also revising their By Laws and Articles and we can look at those. We can add to the last page of By Laws.

Gail Morris was not in attendance to report on Potlatch Funds. We will discuss Educators Conference later.

Guest Presentation – “Shadow of the Salmon” Docudrama Film and Curriculum:

Guests Steve Robinson from NW Indian Fisheries and GiGi Williams and Lisa Eschenbad from Pacific Ed. Institute shared information on the curriculum. Steve worked with Billy Frank, Jr. and many of the tribes to get the film made with traditional stories and historical information. Pacific Education Institute has worked on curriculum to go with the film and will be offering free teacher training to teachers in identified areas of WA state. Funding for the printing of the film and curriculum came from a number of generous sources such as Boeing and others. In a year or two there will be another film and curriculum titled “Shadow of Time”. They wish to form relationships and get this curriculum out there. It was discussed that it could fit in with the Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum.

Information and a generous gift of several of the DVDs were shared.

WWNAEC Web Site – Sam Morseau

Sam reported that he is removing some old information and photos from the site. Music is coming from Earline Bala for the site. Would anyone please share more photos of the Educators Conference and other info/photos that would be appropriate for WWNAEC? There is room on the site. Discussion followed about more photos next year and that being part of the duties of the Historian.

A link for upcoming events and to OSPI site for Joan Banker’s list of upcoming events can possibly be added to the web site.

THANKS: A great big THANK YOU went out to **Sam Morseau, Val Gilstrap, and Shelly Hamrick** for all of their hard work on the projects and committees they have worked on, and continue to do so. You and your hard work are **GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Educators Conference

Phyllis Covington began a discussion on the conference. Problem solving is needed regarding how to handle in next and the amount of profit was lower this year. Should we have the conference separate from the auction/dinner? Would it be better on a Saturday night and not a holiday evening such as Feb 14? Much discussion followed including sites for the conference and the dinner/auction and how to do the auction differently. Community centers, retreat centers are all ideas for lower costs and easier locations - one in north end, one in south end. Several were mentioned including Federal Way’s Dumas Bay, Kiana Lodge at Suquamish, Squaxan Is. Museum, Cedar Brook at SeaTac.

It could be possible for companies to underwrite some events. Keep eyes and ears open and any ideas are welcome for future. We can form the fundraising committee. We could tie our 30 year mark into some of the events.

Whaling Curriculum

The funds are available to send the three teachers: Sally Brownfield, Maria Pasqua, and Jennifer Rock to Seabeck this summer to work on the curriculum and format to fit the Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum. It will soon be ready for classrooms.

Announcements/Sharing

Phyllis Covington reported on the **WSIEA Conference at Quinault Beach on April 1-3**. Many plan to attend however for others it is Spring Break. Mike Pavel to discuss achievement gap has been moved to Lunch on Wed. and possibly Robin Butterfield will be keynote. There are several afternoon on-going workshops and a Youth Track. WSIEA always has a Youth Track. There will be an Elders panel which will include extinguished guests to discuss the many years in Indian Education. The Culture Room will be open and crowded and limited to number of visitors so there is talk of extended times with open Culture Night. Wed. evening Mary Wilbur and Arlie Neskahi will do Karaoke with the kids. On Friday Shawna Brown and Sally Thompson for U. of Mt. will share an update the on Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum. There will be many exciting things happening.

Announcements/Sharing, cont.

***Tribal Leaders Congress** met with Randy Dorn to discuss WASL concerns and there will be a continuation with Robert Harkin on April 7 from 9-12 at OSPI.

***Nisqually Tribe Powwow – March 20-22**

***Pow Wow Sumner 1-4 April 23**

***Teachers Teaching Weavers** April 16-18 at NW Indian College Long House. * **Hazel Pete Basketry Workshop** in Chehalis at Great Wolf Lodge on May 15-16.

*OSPI will host the upcoming conference **Closing the Achievement Gap** on April 28, May 5, May 12

*Shelly Hamrick brought flyers for their **Pow Wow on May 16**. Please come.

*Kathy Payne will have her district programs **Native American Day** focus on Challenge to Native Students on May 13. Students will showcase projects and reports on their specific tribes. Her high school club Tribe of Many Feathers will host and present.

***NIEA Conference call on Parent Involvement**: Penny Octuck-Cole participated and received important information and has a request to all to focus on parent involvement. Of special interest are Bullying, Gangs, Rights of Parents, etc. Need to form community parent groups, etc. There will be upcoming regional workshops.

*Video about **Your Child Starting School**: Robin Pratt reported that this is good information and is available on web OSPI/Center for Student Improvement.

***Native American Days at Puyallup Fair**: All are welcome to showcase programs at the fair for one or two days, preferably both days. There is a meeting on next Wed., March 25 at 10:00 at the fair grounds regarding this. Great idea and great turnouts.

*Student Success: Laura Lyn recognized Phyllis Covington for follow up on a student sent to Laura's program. He had many struggles including homelessness and death of a parent, family separation. He is now doing well including working his own coffee stand titled Dillon's Daily Grind. He is earning his way to a trip to Wash DC for a History scholarship. What a great service to be able to contact other programs when students transfer. It is valuable.

*Lois Baker reported that one of her Native students went to state on their basketball team.

*Elaine Grinnell reported on a student that was disconnected from her family and has now re-connected and has earned \$1500.towards college on her own.

*Shelly Hamrick has a student that has an uncle that is in the film **"We Shall Remain"** which will air on April 13 in WA.

May 21 will be the next meeting. It will be hosted by Earline Bala in Renton School District.

Shelly Hamrick made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phyllis Covington. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Barbara F-Kemp in absence of Linda Laville for approval by Phyllis Covington.