

Nevada Indian Commission Indian Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022
Via ZOOM

Committee Member	Seat Filled	Present	Absent
Chair – Fawn Hunter	Washoe County School District	X	
Fredina Drye-Romero	Nevada Department of Education	X	
Vice Chair - Della Frank	Clark County Department of Education Coordinator II		X
Kari Emm	Director of Transfer Admissions and Programs UNR	X	
Lance West	Principal Schurz Elementary School	X	
William Bauer	Professor of History and Program Director Indigenous Studies, UNLV		X

NIC Staff Present: Sarina Nez, Office Coordinator

ATTENDEES: Julie Bryant, Delina Trottier, Carlene Pacheco, Justin Zuniga, Markie Wilder, Mike McGhee, Cliff Banuelos, Sylvia Rondeaux, Daphne Hooper, E. Mercedes Krause, Myrton Running Wolf

I. Invocation

Fredina Drye-Romero gave the invocation.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Hunter began introductions.

III. Initial Public Comment

Fawn Hunter announced Washoe County School District is the recipient of the NYCP Grant which will be in place for the next five years. With grant 1 supervisory position and 3 additional positions will be filled. Fawn will oversee program.

Delina Trottier – announced the first ever TMCC Indigenous Peoples Day event-very exciting more information to come- watch your emails.

Clifford Banuelos- ITCN conference upcoming; December 12 – 15, 2022, ITCN is looking for speakers, education will have a session. If anyone is interested, please let him know. ITCN Board Meeting will be held December 12th to kick off conference.

Lance West- On Native American Day, September 23rd, Nevada Lt. Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead will be substitute teaching our 5th and 6th grade classes. We are very excited to have her. She will also be presenting an education award and one of our teachers will be celebrated. On same day Congressional candidate Mercedes Krause will be here also with inspiring words.

Markie Wilder- UNR has 73 students last semester that have used the Tuition Waiver. Eighteen of the twenty-seven tribes in Nevada are represented. Desert Farming Institute Food Sovereignty Project is doing a harvest and will host a gathering on September 24th. Link will be shared in chat box. Food is Medicine.

Sylvia Rondeau- WNC will hosting an art show- Great Basin Artistry – more to come.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of August 7, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Motion made minutes approved.
Approval of August 31, 2022, Meeting Minutes; Motion made minutes approved.

V. Updating the Indian Education Strategic Plan (for Possible Discussion and Possible Action)

- A.** Fawn Hunter opens discussion regarding Indigenous Teacher Recruitment and Retention document shared by Lance West. The document was to be shared with initially with voting committee members to review and add any edits or comments. This document includes four goals Lance would like included in the Strategic Plan. Fawn continues that document should also include benchmarks for each goal.
- B.** Kari Emm- really likes the format of the document. She has added five goals.
- C.** Lance West – document placed in chat for everyone to share.
- D.** It is agreed upon that everyone should have access to document to add comments/edits/goals, etc. It is further discussed that document should be broken up into different areas/levels of education. It is suggested that committee member(s) reach out to Stephanie Wyatt for input on document. She is a former board member.
- E.** New Nevada Department of Education employee Karen Shaw can help address what is needed for curriculum in the plan.
- F.** Discussion turns to survey included in document that was shared. It is suggested that terminology be changed from “College” ready to “Career” ready. As some students are not preparing for college academics but rather careers, i.e., trades. It is also suggested that some of the questions used in NAPE research survey be used or formatted to fit IEAC Strategic Plan. Committee agrees wording of NAPE survey questions are on point regarding Native American students. It is recognized that our survey questions or those of other surveys are not necessarily directed towards Native American student needs or educator skills.
- G.** Lance West brings up that perhaps the committee needs to “roll back” our goals and put emphasis on communication. Communication with Tribal leaders, Tribal members, students, educators, etc. Tribal leaders and members need to participate in consultations with Education Leaders and Boards. The right questions are not being asked or conveyed.

I. Agenda Items for Future Meetings (For Discussion)

Continue work on updating the IEAC Strategic Plan/Survey.

Discuss/Review application – Vote on application approval of new board member

II. Date and Location of Next Meeting

October 5, 2022, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm via ZOOM

III. Final Public Comment

None

IV. Adjournment

Chair Fawn Hunter adjourned the meeting.