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INDIAN EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IEAC) MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 30, 2023

In-person location: Nevada Indian Commission, 5366 Snyder Ave, Carson City, NV 89701
and VIA ZOOM:

Invocation

In Northern Paiute, Principal Lance West, Schurz Elementary, gave blessing

Roll Call - Establish Quorum (start time 12:05)

Voting Members Present In Person: Principal Lance West; Dr. Kari Emm (UNR);

Voting Members Present Via ZOOM: Delina Trottier (TMCC); Dr. Richard Boland (UNLV); and Fredina Dye-Romero (NDE).

Welcome and Introductions

In-Person Attendees Present: Karen Shaw (NDE); Stacey Montooth (NIC); and Thurman Roberts (Good Jobs Northern Nevada). Attendees Present Via Zoom: Kellie Harry (NDE); Harriett Brady (PLHS); Dr. Myrt Running Wolf (UNLV); Sherry Ely Melendez (PLPT); Richard Savage (CCSD); Gaylene Williams (RSIC); Tammi Tiger (UNLV); Daphne Emm-Hooper (UNR); **Maria Warf** (ITCN).

Initial Public Comment

Thurman Roberts, Tribal Navigator for Nevada Works explained that his organization is working on a strategic plan for workforce development to include more tech skills and he wants to collaborate with IEAC to ensure that Nevada Works' plan complements with the STIP for NDE and the plan we are developing.

Daphne Emm-Hooper (UNR) announced the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents meets today and will address updates to AB 150, the NSHE Native American Waiver of Fees and the revised provisions governing the waiver.

Stacey Montooth (NIC) provided update on other new laws specifically impacting Native learners including: AB73, Provides right of public-school pupils to wear cultural adornments at school graduation ceremonies; AB244 Revises provisions concerning child welfare. Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA); AB519, Establishes provisions governing capital projects of school districts, specifically Owyhee Combined School; and SB 196, Revises provisions relating to student athletes eligibility for interscholastic activities and events;

Review Committee Member Applications Submitted

Confirmed Richard Savage's completed application and submission to NIC Commissioners for consideration on July 21. Discussed other possible applicants as 5 of the 9 voting slots are filled

Discussion and Needed Action For Plan Survey

After suggestions on disseminating questionnaires, by consensus, group agreed our survey target audience is Native American community members and Native American educators;

NIC staff will draft calendar with future events including powwows; athletics events; Tribal Council meetings; Back to School Nights (at schools, Tribal ed departments, urban centers) at which surveys can be proctored and collected; Committee members volunteered to staff events; NIC will connect with all Tribal and/or district parent committee members for them to complete surveys; NIC will request four school districts with title funding: Clark, Washoe, Elko, and Churchill help establish/identify appropriate community members to complete surveys as these districts have the highest number of Native American students. NIC will email surveys to IEAC members for them to complete and return; NIC will connect with Tribal libraries and health centers to make surveys available for those patrons. NIC will email surveys to all educators/advocates on the agency's education distribution list including active members of IEAC.

A draft outline/timetable was developed in a Google Doc [here](#). The committee agreed besides providing the current plan to our communities and educators, the [current plan](#) should be made available our public; Talking points or a script needs to be written to explain why we are collecting data and what we will do with it for those to convey when administering the surveys.

With good data and a strong plan, the committee believes we can justify future requests for specific funding, especially if our IEAC plan aligns with the state's plan.

Updating the Indian Education Strategic

Principal Lance West will continue to finesse the survey questions, specifically including questions about literacy. Principal Lance West suggested the IEAC look at collected data mid Fall;

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Voting Member Applications; Survey Update; Consider paid/professional consultant to moderate future planning meeting and to draft strategic plan (Thurman Thomas might have a contact); and Planning for Indian Education Summit for March 2024

Next Meetings

Thursday, July 13 at 10 am to prepare for Friday, July 21 NIC Commissioners Meeting

Final Public Comment

Fredina Drye-Romero shared slides and highlighted important information on trauma informed best practices presented by the National Native Children's Tram Center at the University of

Montana. She suggested a presentation by this group at the March Summit. For more information about the area of study she referred to the Adverse Childhood Experience or ACE Test, which is found [here](#) .

Adjournment 12:01 pm

[Survey Questions – Community](#)

[Survey - Tribal Education Departments \(including T6 and JOM\)](#)

[Pre-K - Grade 12 Teacher Survey](#)

[Survey Questions - Higher Ed Students](#)

