

WWNAEC January 21, 2016 Meeting
Renton School District
Host: Tommy Segundo

Meeting called to order at 9:24 by Mary Wilber
Welcome: Tommy Segundo
Prayer: Earline Bala

Mary Wilber-WWNAEC President & Lake Washington School District
Sara Ortiz-Highline School District
Liz Touma (sp?)-Cowlitz Tribal Health Seattle
Twila Mallari-Cowlitz Tribal Health Seattle
Jason LaFontaine-PSESD
Earline Bala-Retired from Renton SD
Gayness Holt-Central Kitsap SD
Alexis Mercurief-SIHB
Lara Wong-Whitebear-Edmonds SD
Rachael Meares-UW Bothell Campus
Tommy Segundo-Renton SD
Sandra Gordon-Yelm SD
Jerod Keopp-North Thurston Public Schools
Boo Balkan Foster-Seattle SD
Robin Pratt-Auburn SD
Theresa Lockrem-Kent SD
Jessica DominyBrown-SIHB
Victoria Gardner-SIHB
Doe Stahr-Artist
Heather Dismuke-Clover Park SD
Martha Sherman-Fife SD
Shelley Hamrick-Kelso SD
Michelle Marcoe- Puyallup SD
Maxine Alex-Federal Way Public Schools SD
Joan Banker-OSPI
Dorothy Apple-White River SD
Ann Bates-Independent
Val Kimball-South Kitsap SD
Lorena Maurer-Aberdeen SD & Grays Harbor CC
Michael Vendiola-OPSI

Minutes

Discussion

Notes of changes were made

Motion to Accept: Shelly Hamrick

2nd: Val Kimball

Motion passes with no discussion or nays

Treasurer Report

Report Attached

Michelle reported that a new account has been created at BECU. A credit card reader will be available for the conference. Whaling curriculum was put into savings.

Merit Award

All awards have been awarded to all students except one student that is Tommy's. We will also check on that one student that hasn't cashed their check.

Heather has offered to help with reviewing the application for 2015-2016. Funding for Merit Award in bylaws says 6 to be awarded. However, we need to make sure that we tell our students that it is not an guarantee. Laura requested a review of the bylaws and maybe writing a grant to add to the funds. She said it is a great recruiting tool. Comment was made by both Mary and Max that it is contingent on funding every year and that we need to make sure that we tell our students that it is not a given that they will receive it. Someone checked the bylaw as and it is noted that we offer 3 in the bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS

Washington State Indian Education Report

Michael's Report:

Eagle feather letter was sent and presented to Tribal Leaders Congress on Education.

Has been sent to Gil Mendoza.

Martha said she asked her district but there was not policy. Her district is looking at their policy.

Lorena said her district refers to WSSDA.

Heathers asked about transparency of letter and where is it going to go after Gil. Will it go to superintendents, WSSDA?? How to make sure there is change.

Once it gets finalized it will be published.

Earline talked about a couple of her students who had to battle to wear their traditional clothing and moccasins under their gowns. The bureaucracy is often too much. Our students have earned that right to wear that feather and it is a battle. Something has to come from the top down. Mary thanked Michael for this support and writing the letter. Other states have put a letter out. Gill is supportive to getting that letter out. Some district do have wording about dress codes during graduation but we need to help them fine tune their wording of their policy because they often relate to gang attire, etc. Jason said that some districts are very strict and don't want to open the Pandora box. Earline offered to write a letter as a mother and grandmother in support of the feather/grad issue.

Washington State Tribal History: Letter of Encouragement

Sara: Tribal Hx Letter

Sara sees a connection between the feather issue and STI. It is important that we get all the issues, to include the feather, and get it down to one page. She is requesting help with the actual writing of the paraphrasing that she has done and wants to get it down to one page. So please contact her to help her write the final letter.

She read the letter to the group. (See attached)

Laura mentioned that her district tried contacting their local tribe with no avail. The tribe wasn't ready to be contacted. Mary said she would like to have hope that Tribes will get it together but it is okay if they don't. Shelley added that it shouldn't be as an excuse for districts to not implement the curriculum. The relationship starts simple with a phone call. But we need to make sure we come from all angles. Heather offered up that she found success with using the Tribal Historian. Tommy offered up that his is in a quandary about who to approach-Duwamish

or Muckleshoot. Heather said she would go to all of them. Sara will send out for final proof and then figure out who to sent it too. They need to be reminded that it is a law.

NEW BUSINESS

Cowlitz Tribal Health-Liz Touma is working on a housing grant which does everything but provide funding for housing.

Twila Begay-Millari-Therapist, Cowlitz is providing CD, DV and other mental health services. A lot of the therapist are school based.

Friday, January 29th is an Open House at 9:00 am to meet all the therapist.

Circles of Care: Announcement about the project: Victoria Gardner & Jessica Dominy-Brown
Circles of care are to identify and assess the services that are serving or not serving our Native Youth especially Mental Health & Behavioral services. They showed a map that Andrew Morrison. They are doing a survey and input on services or what services they use. A newsletter has been created from information that they have gathered to date. They shared some data that available before the Squaxin meeting. They are doing 5 surveys for different age groups. They need about 5 more educators surveys to find out where do our students go when they need help. One thing that is an issue of undercounting and find more youth surveys that are involved in the justice system, foster care, etc. Need about 5 students ages 13-17 to complete the surveys.

UW Bothell, RAIN: Rachael Meares-Recruiter & Admissions.

Passed out a list of presenters and workshops. 4th Annual for students grades 8-12. Please send an email with number of students. She has registration forms. Updates for UW Bothell-application is still open, rolling admissions, enrollment for Native Students is currently at 91. Academic transition program and contact her for more info and to get students into that program. What is the retention since 2011: 66% of the students in 4 years. UW Winter Powwow. She offered come to your school and do a presentation. Laura has had her come to her district and said she is great.

Break

Resume: 11: 27 am

A quick presentation to Val for all her years of service.

Survey: Jason LaFontaine (What do we do?) & Research Project: Heather Dismuke
Happy 10 year anniversary!! We are creating a survey to find out everyone does. Some of the other surveys I have done are with use with students. It will take about 20 minutes to do and will be sent out to everyone. Also, I am looking for difficulties/barriers that you encounter within your district and working with tribes. Please take some time and fill it out.

Heather is doing her capstone for TESC Master's Program. She will be putting on a presentation with the data. She will need a letter of support and approval for her research. The letter would give her access to do her research. Theresa suggested a mentoring type program is needed. Laura suggested we need to have info from the retirees that are important to the history of WWNAEC and Title 7. Heather is looking to have a booklet compiled of research to be a basic guideline what to do. Sara wanted to learn more about the details about the ultimate aim of the research is going to be. Also, too include the stories of the origins and evolution of title 7. Heather said her 35 page research proposal but will just send the abstract for the letter.
Motion: Robin Pratt suggested that we support these projects.

2nd: Laura Wong-Whitebear 2nd
Motion passes with no nays and no discussion

Educators Conference

Draft of Agenda has been sent around

Registration Form was shown. Cost is \$100/person to include clock hours, breakfast and lunch are included. On Thursday there will be showing of Paper Tigers. Mary is asking 10-15 people from each district to come with the goal of 200 people. A showing of Paper Tiger will be done Thursday afternoon with finger food. A quick bio was read about all our keynotes. Earline talked to organizing the elders who are going to get a free registration. Earline will need help getting contact info.

Doe Stahr

Doe has done 68 installations last year. She is taking a little break but wanted to create something for people to take away. She sees a need for things to color. She showed us some artist proofs. She does her art with permission from different groups. She would like input on putting together a color book. The suggestion was ask different tribes to donate art and to make a contribution/donation to cause. What are your next steps or goals for this project? Her intention is to have a set ready for Educators Conference. Her goal is to have quality products for program to use. Dorothy talked about she has used coloring as therapy. Input was given by others to how useful it is in their school districts. Doe needs guidance on size. It will be a clip binder or folio for us to use. If there are stories that people want told, they can contact her.

WSIEA

Conference is at Quinault April 4-6, 2016. There is a youth conference is April 4, 2016 with a \$25 cost at the Sweetgrass Hotel. WSIEA Merit Award application is available also.

Skyward training to start now.

NAYLA Meeting to start immediately after meeting adjournment.

March 17, 2016 Sara Marie Ortiz, Highline

May 19, 2016 Martha Sherman, Fife

Regular meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm by Mary Wilber.