

WWNAEC

March 18, 2016

Highline School District

meeting called to order at 9:26 am by Mary Wilber

9:27 Welcome by Sara

Present:

Sara Ortiz-Highline SD

Mary Wilber-Eastside Native Education Program

Lorena Maurer-Grays Harbor CC and Aberdeen SD

Heather Dismuke-Clover Park SD

Michelle Marcoe-Puyallup SD

Dorothy Apple-White River SD

David Seth-Tacoma SD

Martha Sherman-Fife SD

Laura Lynn-PSESD

Joan Banker-OSPI

Shelley Hamrick-Kelso School District

Robin Pratt-Auburn School District

Maxine Alex-Federal Way Public Schools

Victoria Plumage Gardner-SIHB

Alexis Mercurief-SIHB

Crystal Florez-Highline SD Native Literacy Liaison

Shawn Peterson-Youth Coordinator

Sonja Barry-North Kitsap

Val Kimball-South Kitsap

Laura Wong-White Bear-Edmonds School District

Tommy Segundo-Renton School District

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Sara invited everyone to stay after for the next Early Native Learning Coalition project training with Kat Torres and described a little about the project. A flyer went around. Also addressed were the changes in Title III and a workshop at WSIEA. All were invited to the May 18 Native Student Summit at Highline CC.

Sara Introduced Family Engagement Director, Kisa Hendrickson. Welcomed everyone to the district. She described her program and how Native Education fits into their many programs and are realigning/streamlining their objectives to better meet students and family needs and remove barriers to student learning by working with many exterior and interior departments and programs.

Sara talked to other Native staff in the district such as Trevor Green in Human Resources and Dennis Decoteau in Security. Also talked to other events such at Round Table Conversation.

Minutes

Shelley brought up bylaws in reference to how many Merit Awards we offer which is at least two on 3rd page of bylaws. Title VII is not referenced. Heather talked about how 2009 was the last

time any changes were made to the bylaws. Heather accepted to review wording and update the language. Dorothy will help. Will bring changes to next next meeting. Heather has them electronic and handed out some who wanted them.

Motion made to accept minutes: Heather Dismuke moved
2nd by: Lorena Maurer
Voted with no nays

Treasurer Report

Conference made \$1433.71.

Question about \$27.35 for mailing labels which was cleared up by Maxine Alex who used the WWNAEC credit card to purchase those for the Educators Conference name tags/badges. It was announced that Jim Sporleder sent check to sponsor one Merit Award. There were other donations but all were included in the silent auction funds.

Mary added that Jim had a great time at our conference. Mary asked Heather to send a thank you card for the Merit Award Sponsorship. Shelley had a questions on NAYLA's \$24,649.42. A big chunk will come out of WSIEA and that should be around \$10,000. Mary anticipates that we should be able to spend down. Mary will send a revised budget to everyone as Potlatch and will send that out to everyone. Mary talked to the process of spending down by May 31st. She also advertised the mini-grants again. Sara and Arlie are working on a project at WSIEA to have student develop a mini grant. Teresa asked what are some ideas. Arlie will be here later to talk to that. I describe my mini grant project. Mary asked for how many doing a mini-grant. 10 raised their hands. There was some discussion about how to spend some of the funds during the summer. Mary asked if we, consortium, want to write for the grant again? There are tax implications and work for our Treasurer to consider. The NAYLA committee will have to meet and make some decisions.

Motion: Shelly made the motion to apply for the grant again.

2nd: Heather

Voted passed with no nays

Merit Awards

Silent Auction 2912/567=6 scholarship

Wait to see how many applications come in to develop a committee

Old Business

Joan brought letters that have gone out: STI and "Eagle Feather Letter"

ESA Superintendent has nominated: Craig Bill, Leonard Foresman, Leonard Thomas were nominated to No Child Left Behind ESA committee

Website is being revised but it won't be in March then the first part of spring will be spent on new site. WSIEA training but will still be on old site. New site training will be at with \$41k starting July 1st for STI training. WSIEA wanted Joan to announce Future Teacher Initiative at UW on April 29th. Other news: Quileute Tribal school has applied to be a compact school and half their application has been approved. Wahelute and Cheif Leschi will wait to apply.

Mary Rodrigues & Natalie Potamagas, WA State Migrant Ed Program.

Native families qualify via fishing and berry picking. They go to where the families are at and working. They get access to free lunch, the PASS program, CAMP program to help with first year of college and access more funding. They will get email list and send out the packet that goes to Superintendent. The PASS program is an opportunity for students to get caught up on

credit. Robin talked to how she uses PASS in her program. Individual coordinators gave some examples: fishing, agricultural, forestry programs (Christmas tree harvesting, mushroom & berry picking, etc) CAMP program which is College Access Migrant Program they get some assistance which is first come first serve. Sara going to make a copy of sign-in sheet to send to her. Personal sustenance or income.

Quick break: 11:08

Reconvene: 11: 18

Sara introduced Trevor Green. Told a little bit about himself and welcomed everyone to the district. Hired 1st Native teacher this year for Highline this year. Trying to develop a pipeline for teachers. He is always looking to nurture and develop students into teaching. Arlie directed them to Portland University and Dr. Pewewardy. Heather also directed them to Haskell's Elementary Teacher Program.

Educator's Conference:

Michelle described the evaluations were for individual evaluations and overall conference. Committee will review after this meeting. Sonja said that info from the conference was well received in their district. Jim Sporleder's is now going to Puyallup and North Kitsap SD. Video, Paper Tigers, went on sale. Dorothy sampled some people and said the majority were positive. We want to give feedback on evaluations to presenters. Heather offered to code all the evaluations. Mary thanked everyone who participated and helped. We were glad we made money and are in the black. 175 was approximate total attendance.

Sara introduced executive director for language director, Crystal's boss, "Title III dollars." Bernard Koontz another area interest is graduating in 2 languages in Highline SD. How to support Native language revitalization and how to support those families. Looking for connections but finding the unique assets that students and families have. Mary asked about funding and policy in Title III to allow native languages to be taught in schools. Martha talked to her how Fife emailed other Title III programs were working with language programs to provide services to Native Programs. Highline was the only program that responded. Mary asked them to be an advocate for other Title III. Arlie asked how the district was using the Lexia program. Lexia is a reading program. A lot of discussion was on statistics of reading and Native students and how teams need to be formed within districts to provide a "circle" of support at the systems and district level i.e. service rosters, student profiles, etc. Mary's district also uses the Lexia program. Laura Wong-Whitebear asked how do you access funds. Bernard suggested CPR (Comprehensive Program Review) is a great segue to address. Discussion surrounded about how to get more info out about which programs are encouraging "the work." Crystal talked about assessments and how do we get those changed at different levels. Bernard talked to how we can have "different" test (WELPA) and what has been done in the past but what could happen in the future and where it should start and what it will take.

Research Project: Heather Dismuke

Reported that 9 filled out her survey. She still wants to hear about best practices and will be interviewing people. Asked to email people and would like personal narratives past and present. She wants to create a best practices handbook or document for new and incoming Title VII Educators. She wants to support everyone. Earline created a spreadsheet of retired Native Educators that Heather should use. Hoping to have it done before July. Mary suggested presenting at and Education conference.

Gen-I in Seattle: NAYLA

May 14th event is different than the round table. The email is out and students need to register online.

Native Youth Community Grants Project:

Jason not here. Sara reported that no questions were answered about funding and Title VII funding. Mary was looking to seek other funding for NAYLA. Theresa suggested United Way of King County. Theresa will look into it and email contact and qualification info to Mary.

WSIEA-Youth Conference, NAYLA

Shiloh Inn is the new place for the conference. New place is within walking distance of Sweetgrass. WSIEA Merit Award deadline is extended to 24th. New WSIEA website will be coming up in the next few days.

Na'Ah'III Program-Shawn Peterson

Girls in technology. Two Saturday's a month. Student come from all over the Puget Sound area. Some transportation is provided. There are meet up spots. Focusing on computer coding. Also trying to do cultural stuff and try to balance. Alice Studal and Gabriel are adding a ethnobotany. She is recruiting and wants to grow the group. The numbers are low of women and minorities in technology fields. They also do summer program. Planning to do a coding, filmmaking, and cultural arts for a 2 week program will be including boys. She is willing to come out to do a presentation.

Anger Resolution Workshop-Arlie Neskahi

Talked about the origins about "Anger Specialist." How can I help people look at anger as not a pathological thing but as a resource. How to move to resolution. HEalthy role of anger in our lives. Not a curriculum but as more a model. "Reality based touchstone". Emotional literacy/intelligence to finding what individual needs are. Based at Renton Community College.

Website:

Some changes were made. The fee was outrages. One website went to rest and some new one is up. Arlie did the backup. Val canceled and got refunded for some of the fees. We kept the address and ARlie has been working on the current site. Arlie volunteered. IT's a Wordpress site which is pretty easy. Consortium members can eventually work on it as it's pretty easy to work with. We as an organization need to decide how we are going to do this in the future for longevity sake in mind. Val suggested we need a team. The history has been that one person did it but that hasn't been working. We need to decide as an organization on if we want to pay someone or do some exploration. We need a committee: Arlie, Martha, Max

Next meeting May 19th in Fife

Next NAYLA-student present projects

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm