

Western Washington Native American Education Consortium
November 17, 2016

Host: Dorothy Apple
DDC Building: 310 River Ave. N, Buckley, WA. 98321

Call to Order 9:14 am by Mary Wilber

Prayer: Dorothy Apple

Introductions: Dorothy Apple

Mary Wilbur-WWNAEC Chair
Val Kimball-South Kitsap
Janette Lynn-Bremerton SD 253
Cina Little Bird-NW Justice Project
Sandra Gordon-Yelm 150
Jerod Keopp-NTSD 270
Jewel Crow-Aberdeen SD 173
Maxine Alex-FWPS 323
Dorothy Apple-White River 168, Eatonville 26
Michelle Marco-Puyallup 302
David Murphy-Title III OSPI 3k thru title III
Martha Sherman-Fife SD 145
Laura Wong-Whitebear-Edmonds
Amanda Howell-Intern
Danielle Lucero-Intern Edmonds
Sally Kelly-Bethel SD
Karla B-Bethel SD TOSA-Secondary
Kelley Towers-Bethel TOSA-Primary
Sara Ortiz-Highline SD 330
Shawn Spruce-Financial Literacy, Private Consultant, First Nations Business Institute
David Seth-Tacoma SD 650
Shelley Hamrick-Kelso SD 350
Tommy Segundo-Renton SD 250
Robin Pratt-Auburn SD 360
Heather Dismuke-Clover Park SD
Kendra-Pierce County Health Dept

Motion Made to accept Minutes-Heather Dismuke
2nd-Janette Lynn
Motion passed with no nays and no discussion

Treasurer's Report-Michelle Marcoe, Treasurer

Michelle has an uncashed check for Renton. Tommy said there were issues with ASB. He will need to come up with a plan for the NAYLA funding. Mary suggested keeping it at a district level.

Still have a couple unpaid conference registrations-Seattle & Bremerton School Districts.

No questions on Treasurer's report. Mary talked to how much we have grown financially and appreciate the Treasurers work. Michelle also said we got a Stillaguamish Grant for \$5000 that Jenny wrote for the Educators Conference.

Motion to be made by Shelly to accept the Treasurers Report
2nd by Val Kimball

No nays or discussion. Motion is carried

Merit Award-Maxine Alex (Outgoing Chair & Sandra Gordon Incoming Chair)

5 Paid out one pending and they should be all paid out. Sandra and I will get together in the next 2 weeks to prepare the application and send it out for approval to the group. Then, Sandra will take over the Merit Award.

OLD BUSINESS

NAYLA-

22 school districts last year, 119 students at first NAYLA.

Youth Conference will be for all WWNAEC students. The conference will be at Cascade Conference Center for March 24th and 25th. Students will come in Friday morning and have lunch and then start work. Saturday work hard in the morning and then activities (horseback riding, climbing, zip line, archery) in afternoon. \$97 dollar per student to include food and lodging. There was discussion about the camp what we like about it. A brochure was passed around.

Mary is asking for approval to enter into the contract with Cascade for the Conference
Robin Pratt moved to enter into an agreement with Cascade Conference Center for the NAYLA Youth Conference.

Laura Wong-Whitebear 2nd.

Motion passed with no nays or discussion.

Mary asked Robin to tell about her experience with Frank Waln. She met him via Gates Millennium application reading. She brought him with the Sampson brothers. Robin checked and he is available. \$4500 for all of them plus airfare and lodging. \$2500 plus airfare and lodging for Frank only. The group wanted to see the whole group. Sara asked them to incorporate their message into the conference theme.

NAYLA planning at 9am at the Puyallup Tribal Youth Center.

Office of Indian Education Update-

Mary Wilber stated everyone must register by December 23rd for the Title VI Formula Grant on line. It was an usual process. No questions or further discussion

Educators Conference:

Feb 23-24, 2017 are the dates for the conference this year. Save the Date flyer needs more eyes but keeping it general.

Committee members: Martha Sherman, Dorothy Apple, Heather Dismuke, Michelle Marcoe, Mary Wilber, Maxine Alex, Sandra Gordon.

Discussion ensued about "free" registration which in the end was looked up as more of a headache and was dismissed. Val suggested we make sure to include silent auction on the flyer and registration information. Mary is looking for keynote or theme suggestions. Sunshine Manning at NIEA was Sara's suggestion. Laura wanted to remind everyone about keeping it enticing to non-Native staff.

WSIEA-

At Northern Quest this year and they want more non-Native educators there.

Financial Literacy Workshops-Shawn Spruce

Shawn Spruce works with First Nations Development Institute. They have a curriculum called Building Native Communities. Their organization does technical consulting for schools, housing programs, non-profits, etc. The Financial Literacy program was introduced in 2010 in Gallup, NM. Currently, they are working with NW Area Foundation. Financial Education Course can be up to a formal semester class or a conference workshop for students called Spending Frenzy. Spending Frenzy is a simulation for spending and managing money. A big part of the program is getting organized and record keeping. For that event they need about 15 volunteers. High energy and engaging. 90 minute workshop. He has funding to cover his attendance to the conference but wants to build relationships in the area with different schools and organization. Group size is about 30 for Spending Frenzy.

Dorothy introduced Mike Hagadone-Asst Superintendent for White River SD. He welcomed everyone to the district and thanked us for the work we do.

Shawn Spruce can make a kit for groups to teach the financial literacy. It's low cost and a minimal set up fee.

Break at 10:45 am. Reconvening at 10:55 am.

Meeting reconvenes at 10:57 pm.

Note from Michael Vendiola, OSPI & OSPI Updates-

Suggestions that the State should be working with tribes in different areas: ESSA requires meaningful planning with Title I; the Title I plan and how does that work with our Native students. Bethel gave input on how Title I is going to supply funds for Title VI to provide additional staff. STEP Grants (Tribal Grant) were briefly discussed. It's a good time in Indian country to reach out and partner with tribes in different areas. Are there point people in tribes to work with for STI and other people in tribes to contact was discussed for a bit. Consensus among the group was that there should be someone in the Tribal Education Office of tribes but there are layers that sometimes schools need to work through. Sara reminded us that it is still in draft form and seeking best practices and how schools should work with tribal consultations. We were also reminded that it isn't Title VI's responsibility to spearhead this work. It is the district's/ Superintendent's responsibility. Districts need an entry point to make a smooth transition.

David Murphy talked to an email that was sent out about Language Immersion programs. Their office is interested in supporting conversation about heritage languages and what is working in districts or programs. Robin talked to how the process is stalled in their district. The issue is plugging the language programs in the formal OPSI system. Laura talked about her partnership with Tulalip and wondering if this would be a good place for them to start. David said that just listening in on the conversation might be informational to individual. Mary is interested in having a meeting with Tribal leaders to get this process going. David will help in organizing with Michael to spearhead this.

Living Breath Workshop

May 5th & 6th, Grades 7-12, Theme: Indigenous Food and Ecological Knowledge. Seeking students to submit workshops ideas.

WWNAEC By-laws-Heather Dismuke

Heather handed out old by-laws (yellow paper). Their committee has been working on a document that was emailed back and forth (white). They wanted us to view the following:
Review

Article 7 section 3 , B: "each permanent committee shall include a committee chair" language should be added.

Fundraising would include Silent Auction and Grant writing

Article 8, section 2 and 5 "change coordinator to chair." Change two times in section 2.

A suggestion was made to make gender neutral pronouns.

Shelly said that they will to make the suggested changes and then the final has to be sent out to all for to review and then a vote can be made on the changes.

Michelle asked about costs about membership. Membership will be received the first week of April or similar language.

Heather will have changes to Mary by the end of this week and getting it out to everyone.

Guest Speakers/Presentations

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department: Kendria Dickson

This is part of the I-502 Initiativ in which some funding goes to rehabilitation, child services. The program Kendria is talking bout today is going into prevention for ages 8-20. There is a distinction between medical and recreational use of marijuana. Their coalition works with a "priority population." They already have focus groups to determine community strength and weakness. From these focus groups, there is funding to create messages to target specific populations. To date, they've had a youth lead conference at clover park tech school to talk about prevention. They also had a second professional conference for community leaders and educating the community of use patterns of marijuana. They are also in charge of no vaping, no drugs, etc signs in the community. Their organization has a collaborative that meets and discusses policy issues and community engagement and outreach. Hugh Flint is on the committee. They have also developed a marijuana 101 presentation. There is another youth leader program that they train and give stipends to youth to give presentations. King County liaison is Lindsey and can give other people people in connection.

Cultural Resource:

Shelly gave a resource for maps and traditional names, etc.

Northwest Justice Project-Cina Littlebird

Cina is from the Native American Unit at Northwest Justice. She is working especially with youth in educational and attaining special education services. She also interested in policy and

systems for Native students. She is also interested in the HB 1541 Opportunity Gap on culturally responsive re-engagement or re-entry.

South King County Native Coalition-Sara Ortiz

Sara thanked Cina for helping them with the Educational Policies for the Coalition. Formed in May of 2015. There is a strong education presence and center the work. The population is moving out of Seattle to the suburbs and how do we get those services to these areas. Advisory body for Circles of Care. Trying to address or be a hub of resources for the south end population by building a base. Want to have a "Daybreak Star" of the south especially for Native youth.

Announcements

Martha- End of year gathering December 15th at 11:30 am at EQC in Fife. \$10 or less for gift exchange.

Laura Wong-Whitebear - Announced Rachel Mears at UW-Bothell is resigning but the RAIN conference will continue.

David Murphy, OSPI Title III-State wanted to change definition of English Language Learner to the federal definition. It is back on the table and if it passes then Native students would qualify for state funding. Equity and civil rights are sponsoring it. Equity access point of view to spearhead discussion on should review the Native American policy analysis-November 2016. Mary will send it out.

Shout out to Phyllis Paul at NW Regional Lab about a paper/research brief written on student misidentification of Native students and families not being represented correctly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14pm by Mary Wilber.