

**WWNAEC January 18, 2018 Meeting  
Auburn School District  
915 4th Street NE  
Auburn, WA. 98002**

Meeting opened at 9:03

Call to order at 9:03

Robin Pratt welcomed everyone to the traditional tribal lands of the Muckleshoot and Auburn School District. She then introduced Auburn SD leaders:

Dr. Spitachti(sp) welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. He continued and told us about the long term history that Auburn SD has with Willard Bill and their partnership with Muckleshoot tribe. He also talked to STI promotion and partnership with Muckleshoot tribe to thoroughly understand Tribal Hx. Closed by thanking us for being here today.

Rhonda Larson, Asst. Superintendent-Welcomed and gave a focus on culture on how the Partnerhsips has helped the district grow.

Mary Wilber, President, went over logistics of the building and pointed out coffee and snacks that were provided

Mary asked for a prayer: Sui-Lan Ho'Okano gave an invocation

**Introductions:**

Mary Wilber, Chair-Eastside Consortium  
Robin Pratt-Auburn SD  
Val Kimball-South Kitsap SD  
Joan Banker-OSPI  
Martha Sherman-Fife SD  
Dorothy Apple-White River &  
Shelley Hamrick-Kelso SD  
Jason LaFontaine-PSESD  
Maxine Alex-Federal Way Public Schools  
Michelle Marcoe-Puyallup SD  
Sui-Lan Ho'Okano-Enumclaw SD  
Janetlyn St Pierre-Kight-Bremerton  
Amanda Rambayon-Highline SD  
Sara Ortiz-Highline SD  
Sonia Barry-North Kitsap  
Raynel Loftus-Bethel SD  
Cina Little bird-NW Justice Project  
David Murphy-OSPI  
Jason LaDucer-PSESD  
Jerod Keopp-North Thurston SD  
Sandra Gordon-Yelm SD  
Brooke Broussard-Auburn SD Teacher  
Ann Bates-Independent

Laura Wong-Whitebear-Edmonds SD  
Rich Summers-Seattle SD  
Tommy Segundo-Renton SD  
Gaynel Holt-Bethel SD

Mary asked for some time to review the minutes. Michael Vendiola's last day will be tomorrow. A card is being passed around. Discussion on minutes ensued with changes noted.

Robin Pratt made motion to accept Minutes with changes noted  
JanetLyn St. Pierre-Kight 2nd the motion  
Motion passes with no nays or further discussion

### **Treasurer Report-Michelle Marcoe**

Budget review with a new grant from Nisqually for \$5000 earmarked for NAYLA conference. Registrations coming in slowly for Educators Conference. To date: NTPS 10 reg, Tacoma 9, Central Kitsap 2, Tacoma Indian Ed 6, Puyallup 3, Highline, Pierce College, North Kitsap will register today. There are others that have called in but Michelle hasn't got to them yet. Questions about paying with cards, check and PO. Michelle said all forms of payment are being used. Districts still have old addresses and names of Treasurers in the past. Please remember to use the current registration page and update it with your accounting departments which might still be have old addresses in the district databases.

Martha Sherman made the motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report  
Sandra Gordon 2nd the motion  
Motion passes with no nays

### **Merit Awards-Sandra Gordon**

Sandra said that final question has been formulated which makes the application complete. She then reviewed and gave history of the Merit award. She went over the requirements listed on the first page of the application and the essay questions. Discussed that the last question needed to be updated as it was related to No DAPL the year before. Sandra read the new question that the students at the NAYLA Planning conference reviewed and supported. Sui-lan offered her support on the question as it evokes critical thinking and social justice issues. Brooke offered support because their district isn't able to have those discussions in their schools. Complete submitted applications will be reviewed in April. Reminder that all documents need to be received by deadline; items can come in separately but need to be all in by the deadline. Sandra did remind the group that there is a recognition luncheon for winners and their family. Students who receive the Merit Award need to contact Sandra in the fall of the next school year to confirm they are in college. To date, all of last year's Merit Award winner have been paid. Dorothy offered to asked that 'no fedex or UPS' or 'no overnight delivery' be added to the application to clear up the last minute rushed application because those agency do not stamp their envelopes. Some students gave their resume which was acceptable for the activities and club information.

Shelly-offered the wording be changed to 'several' awards and not a specific number. Michelle went over the list of who and what districts received awards last year.

Motion

Martha Sherman made motion to accept the new Merit Award with noted changes.

Shelly Hamrick 2nd the motion.

Motion passes with no nays.

It can be distributed now to students after she makes changes and will resend out ASAP.

### **NAYLA Youth Conference:**

Meeting with students on January 15, 2018 where the 8 students finalized the agenda. The students were instrumental in the planning!

Michelle went over the new facility at Miracle Ranch at Christa Camps with activities paintball, horseback riding, swing. Break out rooms are closer together and they serve family style meals like Cascade. People will still need to bring towels and sleeping bags. Accommodations are similar log cabins. Chaperone ratio is 1 adult to 10 students. Friday will focus on Multiracial identity, cultural games and fitness, stress management. Key note Jeremy Towal. Red Eagle Soaring was a suggestion for Friday night entertainment. College and Career fair announcement was made; it will take place on Saturday morning. Several people offered other agencies and Joan said she had list from a few years ago when they did WSIEA College & Career Fair. Mary talked about ice breakers and the Rodeo, petting zoo, ultimate frisbee that is offered by the camp. 8 students came to the last meeting and this was their 2nd time gathering. Mary said that every district in WWNAEC is welcome to bring students. Michelle said their is a \$25 fee per person to make sure costs are covered for "no shows." Potlatch did give us \$20,000 this year which is less than last year (roughly half of what we got last year) and one of the reason we have to charge. Next year, maybe partner with a tribe as Sally Brownfield contacted us this year to partner with them to co-host a conference they are hosting at Squaxin. Possibly might be last year to have a conference unless we get another large grant. Partnering looks like the best option. There are a lot of possibilities for other types of youth conferences. Laura Wong suggested working with tribes. There was also the suggestion that some area colleges and community colleges might want to partner with us.

Sui-lan talked about ASPIRE and UpRising programs at the local community colleges. Sara talked to the Highline Native Student Success Summit with Tanya and the Highline CC staff. May 16 will be the date for this year's Native Student Summit. This has inspired Seattle University to sponsor a conference and a 'gap' that colleges have in their population. It is important to follow the flow of funding and the current support that is out there. Partnership is the next step in the Youth Conference

### **Educators Conference Feb 22-23**

Copies of Save the Date and registration are available. Zaretta Haymond is the keynote on Friday and will be doing workshops on Friday. OPSI (listed some names) will come in the morning. Draft agenda will be out on later this week. Thursday afternoon will focus on Sovereignty curriculum. Tribes will do workshops on how they started their work. The new law be requires tribal history will be taught in the public school. Plan is to showcase the work they are doing. Developing curriculum, using OPSI curriculum and they are demonstrating those programs. Registration price is \$150 for both days. Hoping for at least 200 people. Suggestions were made about making people feel more welcome and possible recognize different districts.

Discussion went on about how much to charge booths/vendors at conference. \$50 a day or \$100 both days and \$30 for non-profits.

Still no keynote for Thursday.

Introduction of new attendees and then a break.

Marvin Paddock-SIHB

Rich Summers-Seattle SD

Tommy Segundo-Renton SD

Break at 10:30 for 10 minutes

Resume meeting at 10:40

Mary Wilber gave time to Robin Pratt. Robin discussed White River Museum and the district's relationship with the museum. Robin is now on their board and talked about how to promote the museum. It is 5 minutes from the district office next to the Auburn Library. There is a canoe and pioneer exhibit. Currently, there is a "Suffer for Beauty" exhibit which is fascinating and facilitated by a professor at Highline in Women's Studies.

## **New Business**

### **OPSI Office of Indian Ed-Michael Vendolia**

Michael welcomed everyone in the Salish Language and joked that Joan is still in charge at OSPI. Michael did confirm that he is stepping down at OSPI. He thanked people in the room for their support and encouraged people to apply for the position. He with Sen McCoy are hoping to get a high quality person to fill that position. He will be moving back to his tribe at Swinomish as the Tribal Education Director. He thanked everyone in the room for their support and the opportunity to serve. "I'm not heading out of Indian Education, I'm just looking at the issues from a different angle". He thanked Joan for all her work and reminded everyone that Joan recently celebrated her 45th year at OPSI and someone needs to get her memoirs. Job announcement is out for his position so get the word out. Joan presented Michael with the card that circulated earlier. Joan spoke and highlighted his accomplishments and initiatives: ESSA and compact schools. He will remain on the same boards-NIEA, UW, Potlatch.

Michael went on to talk about:

- 1) Professional Learning Opportunity for Educators at UW. Michael passed around the packet for certification. Native Educator development especially para-professionals and to create a pathway to encourage them to become teachers. Chelse Weldand (sp?) Equity at Pathways under Tribal Languages Certification. There hasn't been any outreach to them about that avenue. How do we build support and incentive for teachers to stay at compact schools. Testing barriers for educators. How do we support their exam taking. There is a work group currently as to how remove those test bias.
- 2) SEN & HB 2034-Teacher Prep to integrate STI into Pacific NW History. 22 programs in the state. It will impact all teachers coming into the state and developing teachers in the state.
- 3) WWAEC supports Eastern WA Consortium. Columbia Plateau Indigenous Education Alliance is their name. There was a question if they had any social media yet and Michael said not to date. They are coming together slowly. They are having a workshop on March 17th with Megan Bang & Wendy Bleaker at Wellpenit School District at WSU in Spokane. Flyer sent around and will be emailed out if anyone wants to attend.
- 4) State compact School Update. There are 5 currently with 2 more on the way. The two are Chief Leschi and Yakama Tribal School. How to build the capacity of those schools and not pillage the public schools but support them. They are a co-hurt of state funded schools that are working closely together to develop new relationships.

Mary thanked him for his sacrifices that he has made on behalf of WWNEAC.

### **OSPI Title III/ELL-David Murphy**

David reviewed HB2016 and a copy was provided to the group.

Relates to aligned state definition of Native English learner with federal definition which would allow for State funding for Native students who qualify. Roughly \$100 vs \$1000 in funding with the state funding being more. Earlier in the year, there was an attempt with Rydahl's support but didn't make it due to funding. This is the 2nd attempt. Representative Santos is the supporter of the bill. Addition is underline on page one. Even though, it is long winded, it is word for word in ESSA and the federal definition. Public comment and support will be heard this coming Tuesday. He is hoping that it passes this legislative session. You can sign in electronically to support it. Someone from OSPI will be testifying and will be there. The link will be sent out later today on how to sign in electronically. How long after passed would it take effect was asked. Funding wouldn't be until 2018-2019 SY. There would be review of guidelines and how districts would be held accountable. There are backup plans if it doesn't pass. Please support by electronic means and sign in favor or against. David thanked everyone for the support and it is appreciated.

Webinair for homeless students introduced by Tommy Segundo and then switched to the webnair being played.

Webnair ceased at 11:48. Meeting resumed but Webinair brought up other issues and discussion was a long the lines of: Homelessness, Child Safety, ICW and our roles and responsibilities.

Sonya suggested LICWAC (Local Indian Child Welfare Advisory Committee) should be invited to a future WWNAEC meeting to discuss our concerns and issues we've had.

Mary moved conversation to the OIE survey. Comment period closed last week. Mary can resend the survey but a lot of the questions are the same but a few are different. NIEA is not in support of the survey. OIE wasn't able to answer any of our questions. Jason said he submitted questions online but his wasn't posted. NIEA did have a good post. Survey will come out and is 23 pages long. Mary pointed out that there is an informed consent for the survey but it is "supposedly voluntary." There is a Non-native organization who will be doing the survey. It was said at NIEA that the Pacific Northwest is going to be targeted. Part of the issue is that the agency conducting the survey is Non-native. There hasn't been any clear answers to any of the questions. It is hard to explain to the survey people the tribal treaty obligations to new agencies. Important that our stories be told. Are we sure that those 9 site visit can tell our story? The site visits would be two larger programs in urban/suburban, a consortium of which there are 3 in WA state and two tribal and two rural areas. This is an opportunity to strengthen the relationships between tribes and school districts.

Mary noted the time and we need to move onto final issues on the agenda.

Robin announced they are hiring in the Native Ed title 6 position assist with Tribal Hx implementation. It is a prof tech position 280 days a year.

OSPI OIE has released two surveys: STI implementation and education in general that is looking at 2008 Where the Sun Also Rises 10 year anniversary and using it as a catalyst for the

advisory board. OSPI is supporting that work and they will be seeking board advisory members for that. It will be or accessible and live to view online. Joan will send them out again and anonymous. They can do a hard copy or online. Survey should from be each individual perspective vs a group. IT is biased toward teacher.

Adjournment at 12:35 pm.