

## Western Washington Native American Education Consortium (WWNAEC) Meeting

November 11, 2023

Thomas Jefferson High School 4248 S. 288<sup>th</sup> St., Auburn, WA

**Call to Order** at 9:25 a.m. by Rachel Barger

### **Introductions**

**Blessing:** N/A

### **Minutes:**

Dr. Dennis Elder, Ed.D (Cherokee) Welcome and presentation on Native education and student achievement.

Statement by Chair, Rachel Barger on past board election.

Review of minutes. Motion to approve by Martha Sherman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Gordon.

### **Committee Board Reports**

**Treasurer Report-** Updates on banking, debit card, and checks. Shared on IRS filing issue and steps being made to correct and address it. Motion to approve budget report Cienni Wright-Wilkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Sherman.

**Merit Awards**—Sandra Gordon. Award is not out yet, but it's good encourage students to be planning early. Application will be online coming up. For more information contact Sandra or Rachel.

### **New Business:**

- Discussion on WWNAEC membership. Discussion about membership types and options. Martha Sherman made an motion to table the conversation on membership until after a survey has been offered 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debra Noble-Perry.
- Muzdah Malik, shared news and updates about the PNWFire.org website. Also shared about efforts to increase awareness of the resources and how to contribute. Q&A followed.
- Patricia Conway of the Puyallup Tribe education department shared information and updates about their education, culture, and language departments. Puyallup tribe has a heritage request form. They ask requestors how does a heritage request align with STI goals?
- GRuB presented with FWPS garden specialist Danielle Harrington, SEL facilitators Nia Edwards and Erin Hutchinson, Title VI coordinator, Amanda Rambayon. Garden tour followed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:02 a.m. by Rachel Barger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Elder**