

## Johnson O'Malley

Regular Meeting Minutes

Indian Education Council

Page Unified School District #8

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Roll Call: Stanley John, Genevieve Dayzie, Desiree Fowler, Karen Barney (6:05), and Renee Tsosie (6:10)

Guest: Elouise Goatson and Rob Varner

### AGENDA is as follows:

1. Call to order: 6:00pm (MST)
2. Moment of Silence was observed.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the August Agenda by Desiree Fowler. Second by Genevieve Dayzie. Vote to approve-2, Opposed-0, and Obtained-0. Motion was approved.
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes- Motion to approve the May 2015 Meeting minutes by Desiree Fowler. Second by Genevieve Dayzie. Vote to approve-2, opposed-0, and abstained-0. Motion was approved.
5. Public Comments: No comments.

### Reports:

1. Elouise Goatson:
  - Updates on Children, Incorporated: Get some funds needed for jackets and such things for children's. CI sponsors came to visit some students recently. A sponsor requested to sponsor a Navajo student from PUSD. Non-perishable food can be donated to the Student Support Services department to help benefit the Friday Food Program; person to contact is Sharon Woodard. Jackets, shoes, and clothing can also be donated as well. It has been a really great program to benefit our students. If you should know of any students in need of jackets please refer their names to Elouise.
  - Update on Navajo School Clothing Program: The program serves over 700+ schools from difference states. The process is looking great at this time.
  - Update on Site Visit: Alice Benally visited the JOM office Tuesday. She was pleased with her visit. Alice would like to visit an IEC meeting. She was impressed with our IEC meeting minutes and the partnership with the Superintendent. A question and discussion was addressed to start teaching Navajo language early in PUSD. Rob mentioned a partnership with Dine College for K-2 Navajo emersion class teachers. Rob Varner was very pleased with his visit to Dine College and NTU.
  - Update on NIEA Convention: Evonne Yazzie enjoyed her trip. Peggy Manygoats was grateful and very upbeat with her trip to Portland, Oregon.

- Update on Heritage Month: District Culture Night is taking place this Friday. Heritage month calendar and flyers were sent to each IEC members.

## 2. Rob Varner- Superintendent

- Visit with various Colleges and Universities to recruit teachers for PUSD with Jim Walker. Desert View will have three new teachers starting in January. Partnership with Aramark to get teacher housing for new teachers.
- Bond meeting is coming up.
- Special Election in May. One thing on ballot to vote on.
- Excited for the District Cultural Night with his family planning to attend the event. Heritage Day dress up and Cultural assembly. Heritage month is looking great.
- Question: A concern was addressed with cell phone usage at the High School. Cell phones are being misused during classroom time. Rob mentioned the School Board passed the Social Media policy at last night's board meeting.
- Another was addressed with Page Middle School's tardy policy. Discussion between student and parent accountable for being tardy to school.

## 3. Reports by Indian Education Council members:

- Coppermine- Desiree Fowler attended the recent NIEA Conference in Portland. The workshops she attended were based on literacy and storytelling. She met RONALDA Warito-Tome from Albuquerque. RONALDA will be presenting this Saturday in Flagstaff during the Special Education Training 2015. PUSD 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be partnering up with Page Public Library to house the Lego Club in December.
- LeChee- Renee Tsosie attended the LeChee Chapter meeting. She was able to post her report. Planning meetings are the first Monday followed with the Chapter meetings on the second Monday of the month. Renee will not be attending the NJOMA Conference in Washington, DC.
- Bodaway/Gap- Karen Barney mentioned a lot of turnover has taken place with The Gap Chapter. She also attended the recent NIEA Conference in Portland, she was asked to consider running for the NIEA Board next year.
- Inscription House- Genevieve Dayzie enjoyed her trip to the Sub-Contractors Conference in Albuquerque. She was pleased with the atmosphere of the Navajo Language and Culture. Mitchell attended the meeting this past Sunday a few announcements were made. Inscription House Chapter is rebuilding their meeting house. The Head Start is also celebrating Cultural month.
- City of Page- One IEC member will host the JOM/IEC table during the Parent Teacher Conference at PHS. Fall Festival and the Hot Air Balloon Regatta event is growing each year. Everyone had a great time at the Tailgate Party. The Boys/Girls Cross Country team won the Championship. Cultural District Night is this Friday.

New Business:

- Review, discuss, and possibly approve October 2015 Budget Invoice- Karen Barney made a motion to fix line item #312 in column 3 to reflect the modification from last month, second by Renee Tsosie. Vote to approve-4, opposed-0, and abstained-0. Motion was approved.

Unfinished Business:

Announcements:

November 11, 2015 - Veteran's Day

November 25-27, 2015 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)

December 8, 2015 - 5 p.m. PUSD Governing Board Meeting

December 21, 2015 - January 1, 2015 - Christmas Break (No School)

January 4, 2016 - School resumes

Schedule Next IEC Meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment: Motion by Karen Barney to be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. (MST), second by Desiree Fowler.