

# Johnson O'Malley (JOM)

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Indian Education Council  
Page Unified School District #8  
October 14, 2015

Indian Education Council (IEC) Roll call: Stanley John, Renee Tsoisie, Anna Martin, Deborah Boone, and Mitchell Dayzie.

Guests: Elouise Goatson, Rob Varner and Mary Hesse, with her music students and parents.

## Agenda -

- Call to order at 6:00pm by Stanley John.
- Moment of silence was observed.
- Approval of Agenda – Motion by Anna to approve the agenda. Second by Renee. Vote to approve – 4, opposed – 0 and none abstained. Motion approved.
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion by Anna to approve previous meeting minutes with changes from Lister to Boone and line 4 to the New Business section. Second by Renee. Vote to approve – 4, opposed – 0 and none abstained. Motion approved.
- Public Comments - Mary Hesse's music students played their bass instruments, especially the new ½ bass purchased using JOM funds. They were invited to play again towards the end of the school year.

## Reports:

### 1) Elouise Goatson –

- a. November Heritage Month - District night is on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The PUSD Heritage Planning committee would like to bring Joe Tohonnio to perform at PUSD District Night in PHS Gym. Other prospective performers were mentioned, the presenters were not confirmed thus far.
- b. Children, Inc. – The program has lots of children at this time. We have a sponsor coming to Page to visit the child they are helping, and another sponsor coming in next week.
- c. Navajo Nation JOM Subcontractors Meeting – Three IEC members and Elouise from Page School District attended the conference. They had excellent presenters and it was overall a great meeting.
- d. JOM Needs Assessment – the revised surveys were handed out to each member to start administering to their communities.

### 2) IEC Members –

- a. Kaibeto (Deborah) – she reported chapter meeting dates. She reported and announced the grand opening of the new Senior Assisted Living building units to be soon. No date at this time. It will have 4 units. They are having a Veterans event in Tuba City on November 11. The area behind the chapter house is being paved.
- b. LeChee (Renee) – she attended last chapter meeting. Home site leases came in. She gave upcoming planning and chapter meeting dates.
- c. Bodaway/Gap (Anna) – she attended the last CLUB meeting. Their Headstart School is not open at this time.
- d. Coppermine – no report. Desiree was away to NIEA Convention.
- e. Tsah Bii Kin (Mitchell) – He gave meeting dates. Their Navajo Nation Council Delegate attended their last chapter meeting. Funding could be available to upgrade chapter buildings. And Route 16 could be paved as well.
- f. Page (Stan) – Reported on upcoming city events in the coming month(s). He attended the Parent Teacher Conference at the high school. He thought IEC was on the incentive sheet, so that parents would come by their booth. He was told that not all parents need to come to our booth, which is

the reason for not being part of the incentive portion. This was reported to all the IEC members and to Mr. Varner, he was asked why did this happen. With about 75% of the high school population being Native American, this should have been part of that incentive portion that evening. Mr. Varner stated that he would find out what happened.

3) Superintendent – Mr. Rob Varner –

a. He went to Washington, D.C. to talk on the subject of Impact Aid. He met with Ann Kirkpatrick about the needs Page USD, transportation issues, better Internet services, increasing funding percentage from 85% to 90%.

b. He also met with State Senator Carlyle Begay about our transportation issues, because Senator Begay asked how far our buses run each school day.

c. Along with Jim Walker, he went to each chapter house to meet their respective officials and attended most of their chapter meetings.

d. Meeting with Dine' College representatives about starting a partnership program with them on October 22.

e. There will be exploratory meeting to address a possible capitol bond election for Page School District, the meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> in the PUSD Governing Board Room.

f. Attendance data – percentage wise, the number of native and non-native students are about the same, which changes the misconception that the students from the outlying communities would be the ones most likely to be absent more.

g. A young man took his life at the Lake View Elementary School's playground area. A local medicine man was brought in to bless and purify the site of the incident.

#### **New Business –**

1. September 2015 Budget Invoice – After reviewing and discussing the September 2015 Budget Invoice; it was motion by Debrahe to approve the budget invoice, and seconded by Mitchell. Vote to approve – 4, opposed – 0 and none abstained. Motion approved.

2. JOM Fund Requests –

a. Lake View Elementary and Page Middle School both request \$250.00 each to purchase prizes as incentives for student participation during November Heritage Month. After several questions and discussion, Debrahe motions to approve \$250.00 for each school's request for total of \$500.00 from Line 520. Renee seconds. Vote to approve – 4, opposed – 0 and none abstained. Motion approved.

3. Review and possibly approve November Heritage Month Presenters.

4. JOM Budget Modifications – we were informed that Navajo Nation JOM central office has awarded Page USD with additional funds in the amount of \$14,279.92 as of October 9, 2015, which brings the total amount to \$148,772.51 for SY2015-2016. A motion was made by Renee to modify JOM budget to reflect additional funds, the proposed revision was given to our Program Director, to make the necessary budget revision. Debrahe seconded the motion. Vote to approve – 4, opposed – 0, and none abstained. Motion approved.

**Next scheduled IEC Meeting:** November 11, 2015 at 6:00pm.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Debrahe to adjourn at 7:44pm. Renee seconds.