

October LIEC Meeting – Tuesday, October 8, 2019

There was not a quorum to call the meeting to order so processed with sharing informational parts of the agenda.

#12. Project Dream Catcher: The Indian Education Program/ ISD #31 has participated in Project Dream Catcher for the past 3 years at Lincoln and this year added Gene Dillon and BMS. The over all goal of the project is to reduce the over population of American Indian Students in Special Education.

#11. Get Ready (College Preparation): This curriculum is from the Department of MN higher education and aligns to MN state standards. The units will be used at Gene Dillon grade 5 with Ashley Jones, IHSL / BMS grade 7 with Jaimie Myers, IHSL / BMS grade 8 with Teddy Murray, BHS Career & Academic Advisor - Students moving onto BHS will have that connection with Teddy already started at BMS.

#8. Staff Assignments & New Hires: An Indian Education Program Staff List was handed out with staff, schools and contact information listed.

Link for Equity: John Gonzalez shared to the LIEC Board about Link for Equity. This is a three-year project study. The first year it will be held at the BMS and then the second year introduced into the BHS. The goal is to set up mentors for minority at risk youth.

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Veronica Veaux called the meeting to order in the BMS media center classroom at 5:33.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Veronica Veaux, Don Kingbird, Petra Neadeau, Doris Vleck, and Jordan Hickman.

Absent: Leila Goggeye, Joe Day, Sharon Kingbird and Mary Fairbanks.

Also Present: Sonia Wadena, Patty Graham.

Guest: Tim Lutz, John Gonzalez, Jeff Lind, Jade Frenzel and Sydney Harper.

Approved May 2019 Minutes: Don Kingbird made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 2019 meeting Doris Vleck seconded. –carried.

A “Save the Date” Reminder of LIEC 2019-2020 Meetings Dates were handed out:

#1. Result of the electronic vote - LL JOM Expenditure: Passed

Per LIEC Bylaws Article III - Section 11

b) If an immediate need or opportunity occurs prior to the next regular LIEC meeting, an electronic vote may be taken. The results will be announced at the next regular LIEC meeting.

We are asking for approval on the LL JOM Expenditure (please see attached)

__7__ YES, I approve the LL JOM Expenditure dated 07-24-2019.

_____ NO, I do not approve the LL JOM Expenditure dated 07-24-2019.

NOTE: In the past we have not had LIEC meeting minutes attached with our last request for payment approving for our last JOM expenditures. In the future we will make sure this is done on a timely manner.

#2. 3- 2 yr. (2019-2021) Board Members positions are open. Members at large are Don Kingbird, Leila Goggeye and Sharon Kingbird.

Petra Neadeau nominated Don Kingbird, Sharon Kingbird and Sydney Harper to the board. Doris Vleck seconded. - carried.

#3. Reassigning Teacher Rep.: Doris Vleck – This is just informational, done yearly.

#4. Assigning Student Rep.: Jade Frenzel - This is just informational, done yearly

#5. Election for Chair: Doris Vleck_nominated Veronica Veaux for the Chair position Petra Neadeau seconded. *Nomination Closed - carried

#6. Election for Vice Chair: Don Kingbird nominated Petra Neadeau for Vice Chair position Doris Vleck seconded. *Nomination Closed - carried

#7. LIEC BY-LAWS: Article II /10. Review and approve parent committee BY-LAWS on an annual basis. Following the recommendations of the board - No changes will be made.

#9. E.A.S.I.E. Grant APR (annual performance report):

Sonia shared with the board the *comments* written in the APR report...

Supplemental academic supports were provided in grades K-3 in both reading and math, through small group and one-on-one instruction. At risk students were identified, monitored and tracked, daily, throughout the school year to decrease barriers and improve school attendance. Staff made connections with students and families by phone and in person contact, as well as, hosting family and cultural events and district wide events to encourage school involvement. Students were offered Ojibwe language, culture and history classes each quarter at the middle school and high school. Additional lesson plans, books and artifacts were added to the culture trunks to support and engage American Indian learners and teach others about our culture and history. Display cases and artifacts were purchased as a traveling display for district schools. During the 2018/19 school year, 77.27% of our American Indian students at Bemidji High School took the ACT exam with an average score of 18.21. High School students and parents were provided advocacy in course selection, post-secondary exploration, application, financial aid, and college and career fair visits. Licensed and non licensed staff were offered trainings on understanding Ojibwe cultural behaviors in school, Ojibwe Winter Stories, understanding Ojibwe cultural behavior in mainstream settings, engaging students who are at-risk of failing academically, and Ojibwe language 101. Home School Liaisons held small group Seven Grandfather Teachings group, supported student and families through out the special education process and advocacy and informational support.

#10. Indian Education Program Plan: Reviewed the budget, adding in an additional \$10,024.00. Petra Neadeau made a motion to approve the budget with the additional 10,024.00. Don Kingbird seconded. -carried

Upcoming Event: Indian Education will be hosting a district wide American Indian family night, Tuesday, November 26 at the BHS auditorium with Dennis Rogers, Spirit Dancer. He is from the Navajo Nation. He is a teacher, dancer, and performer. We are arranging for him to visit some of our schools during the day. This event is still in the planning stage.

Adjourn: Veronia Veaux made a motion to adjourn, Petra Neadeau seconded – carried.

Reminder: The next LIEC Meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 2019 @ 5:00 BMS Media Center classroom. *NOTE: This is 1 week later than normal due to the MIEA Conference to be held November 12-15, 2019 at the Grand Casino, Hinckley.