

March LIEC Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Petra Neadeau, Vice Chair acting as Chair called the meeting to order in the BMS media center at 5:05.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Petra Neadeau, Sharon Kingbird, Joe Day, Don Kingbird, Doris Vleck, Jordan Hickman, and Mary Fairbanks. **Also Present:** Sonia Wadena, and Patty Graham. **Guest:** Jeff Lind.

Absent: Veronica Veaux, Sydney Harper, and Jade Frenzel.

Approved January 2020 Minutes: Don Kingbird made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 2020 meeting Doris Vleck seconded. –carried.

1. Title VI Grant Part I - Completed:

Informational was shared about the Title VI Part I of the grant that has been completed - Bemidji Indian Education reported 1095 American Indian Students with completed Title VI Forms / 5368 District Total Number of Students - Report Dated 01-27-2020.

2. E.A.S.I.E. Part II Closes May 16th - Sonia shared that the budget needs to be written for Part II.

3. Graduation Rate: Bemidji Area Schools, ISD #31 student's graduation rate were discussed, and the American Indian Students graduation gap widens. Sonia talked about some of the barriers for the students, they are such things as transportation for extracurricular activities, mental health, lack of any support, 11th -12th grade dropout year, the rigor increases from 8 to 9 grade and the reality that everything counts toward graduation. Discussed on how to help with these barriers. After many ideas were shared on what to do and what is already being done in our district, it was decided Jordan and Sonia would put together a short-term plan. The short-term plan will look at goals and a time line for those goals, keeping the budget in mind, also keeping in mind that small changes still can take time. These will be ideas for principals and staff to implement into schools and classrooms on a more immediate basis. An important thing the board kept coming back to was the relationship staff have with students and families and then the relationship students and families have with staff. Building those relationships and the importance of them.

4. Young Artists / Young Writers Competition – Friday, Mach 20, 2020: Later in the meeting

5. Cultural Competency Training: TABLED

6. Kindergarten Registration: is open now in Bemidji Area Schools, ISD #31 in the student's home schools.

7. Bemidji Area Resilience Team: Mary Fairbanks, who is part of this team, shared information about this project named *100 Cups of Coffee*. The question asked is "How do we build a healthier, more resilient community?" The goal of this project is to share your ideas on what things can be done.

The LIEC board members are **Welcomed and Encouraged** to attend any of these program events.

Last Month

Winter Round Dance – Wednesday, February 5, 2020 @ BHS

Winter Storytelling – Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ BMS

Upcoming Events

*Drum & Dance Family Night – Wednesday, March 11, 2020 3:30–6:00 @ BMS

*Indigenous Games – Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:30–6:00 @ BMS - CANCELLED

*Central Family Night – Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:00-6:30 @ Central School

*DL Young Artists/ Young Writers & Quiz Bowl Competition – Friday, March 20, 2020

*State Drum & Dance Competition – Saturday, March 21, 2020 This event is held in Cass Lake.

*J.W. Smith Family Night – Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:00-6:30 @ J.W. Smith School

Adjourn: Doris Vleck made a motion to adjourn, Don Kingbird seconded – carried.

Reminder: Next Meeting April 14, 2020 @5:00 BMS Media Center