

March LIEC Meeting / Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Veronica Veaux, LIEC Chair called the meeting to order via Google Hangout Meets 5:02.

Veronica Veaux, Chair appointed Patty Graham, Secretary to complete the sign in sheet and the board member's LL meeting vouchers for the month of March 2021.

Reminder to LIEC voting members, to complete their W-9 form and return it to our office.

Roll Call: Members Present: Veronica Veaux, Petra Neadeau, Sydney Harper, Sharon Kingbird, Don Kingbird, Jordan Hickman, Mary Fairbanks, and Lily Vleck.

Absent: Doris Vleck

Guests: Tim Lutz

Also Present: Sonia Wadena and Patty Graham.

Approved January 12, 2021 Minutes: Sydney Harper made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2021 meeting Petra Neadeau seconded. –carried.

Business

1. EASIE Grant Part I SY 2021-2022: Information was shared about the Title VI Federal Grant, Part I of this grant, this has been submitted.

2. EASIE Grant Part II SY 2021-2022: Part II of this grant will open April 5 and close May 14, 2021. Last year our program applied for the multi-year grant, but with COVID the feds reset the application process back to one year or multi-year options. Sonia Wadena wanted the board to be aware of this. After some discussion Petra Neadeau made a motion to reapply for the multi-year grant. Sydney Harper seconded. -carried. *The grant will be presented to the LIEC board as soon as it is finished.

3. Impact Aid Federal Grant: Sonia Wadena explained the Federal Impact Aid Grant was completed and submitted by the due date. We did not submit data on Red Lake Nation employment as this was not received by the deadline. Our program has an opportunity to make an amendment to this grant. She asked for any help from the board members on possible contacts for the RL Nation. Petra Neadeau said she would possibly be able to help. Sonia will email Petra some of the details of what we are looking for to help with this project.

4. House File 1791: Information was shared by Sonia Wadena about her testimony before the MN House of Representatives on a bill authored by Rep. Gomez. This bill would dedicate \$55 million to family homelessness prevention and assistance. Information on the impacts of the current Homework Starts with Home grant and the McKinney-Vento Act were shared and how those programs currently support district families in transition and how this new bill would continue to support families in need. Sonia encourages the board to support this bill.

5. Kindergarten Registration: In the past Kindergarten Registration was done in the elementary schools, our program would have a staff member go to the schools on registration night to get our Indian Education paperwork completed at the same time that the families were there registering for school. Due to COVID the Bemidji School District moved to online Kindergarten Registration. Please help share this with families.

6. Update of donated student desk: Desks that were donated have all been distributed along with a desk light and noise cancelling headphones to help students with their school work.

7. Update on bringing students back: Plans are moving ahead with bringing students back to school. March 23 & 24 are set for planning days for teachers - No students on those days. March 25 Students return to school. School will run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, with Wednesday remaining a distance learning day. Families can still choose the distance learning method.

Additional - Family Group Decision Making: Sonia Wadena explained the idea to run a Family Group Decision Making Circle pilot program at BMS to support families with attendance challenges. The Indian Home School Liaison partnering with the truancy monitor and an outside facilitator will meet with identified family(ies), allowing a space for everyone to be heard, build trust between one another, and support families in creating their own plan. This is an attempt to head off truancy filings. After some discussion, Petra Neadeau made a motion to support the Family Group Decision Making Circle program, this was second by Sharon Kingbird. - carried. Mary Fairbanks asked that we try to think of a traditional name for this program.

Family Nights:

2021 Artist & Writers Show: This is an Artist & Writing Contest. *handouts were provided

BINGO Family Fun Night: Wednesday, 03-17-21 *handouts were provided

Adjourn: Sydney Harper made a motion to adjourn, Don Kingbird seconded – carried.