

November LIEC Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Veronica Veaux, LIEC Chair called the meeting to order via Google Hangout Meets 5:01.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Veronica Veaux, Sydney Harper, Sharon Kingbird, Don Kingbird, Doris Vleck, Jordan Hickman, and Mary Fairbanks.

Also Present: Sonia Wadena and Patty Graham.

Absent: Petra Neadeau

Guests: Tim Lutz. Colleen Cardenuto, John Gonzalez.

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 November.

Approved October 2020 Minutes: Sydney Harper made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 2020 meeting Sharon Kingbird seconded. –carried.

1. E.A.S.I.E. Title VI Grant: This grant was submitted last spring – It is a 3-year grant. Sonia submitted a letter of intent today, 11.10.20.

2. Impact Aid Survey Updates: The Indian Education Office is working on compiling information from surveys to identify where parents or guardians' places of employment is, where they are living, if that is on federal properties. The deadline for this project is January 31, 2021.

3. Distance Learning: As of 11.10.20 Bemidji Area Schools reported 994 total distance learners, out of those 427 are American Indian Students. Term 2 we will be having some students coming back into the schools from distance learning. 65% of the students returning are American Indian.

4. Ongoing Tribal Consultation: Sonia virtually met with the RL representative and discussed such things as, how our program can help better, the mental and emotional health for students and families. Our program staff getting together "Distance Learning Binders" personalizing binders for families that are struggling with organization and schedules sometimes for multiple students. Keeping students engaged.

5. Student & Family Engagement: Planning stages, Zoom Coffee Shop, set an hour, pick a topic, using ½ for discussion time then ½ hr. for a healing activity. Focusing on the Middle School and Gene Dillion starting to meet with small groups. maybe 5 students at a time. Thinking of incentives for students like a book give away, art supplies give away. Organizing a Distance Learners Scavenger Hunt to help engage students.

6. Food Insecurities: Families looking to the Red Lake & Cass Lake Food Distribution Centers, Red Lake has delivered food to families that are quarantined, Bemidji Food Shelf, White Earth has donated money toward the Leech Lake Food Shelf. Reminder to encouraged families to complete the free and reduced lunch forms, reminded that they can be done online now.

7. Upcoming Meeting w/ MDE OIE regarding State Indian Ed. Program Plan (IEPP):

If more than 50% of the money is being used for staffing for the Indian Education Program the LIEC needs to meet with the state. Veronica Veaux asked if the grant application could be sent to the LIEC Board members before this meeting. It will be sent out in the morning. The date for this meeting will be set asap.

Adjourn:

Sharon Kingbird made a motion to adjourn, Don Kingbird seconded – carried.

*Special Meeting with Minnesota Department of Education Office of Indian Education: TBD

*Next Regular LIEC Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12 @ 5:00 Google Hangout Meets