

Indian Education Committee Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2019

I. Call to order

Ricardo Sanchez called to order the regular meeting of the IEC at 10:00 am on August 22, 2019 at Indian Education Office/CVMS.

II. Roll call

Veronica Ortiz conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Holly Martinez, Fanny Castillo, Madeline Naranjo, Gina Chavarria, Aileen Lopez, Celina Hokeah, Nathana Bird, Richardo Sanchez, Veronica Ortiz

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Veronica Ortiz read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) Impact Aid Letter denial/ Shared a copy of the letter to the attendees
- b) Training/Ricardo Sanchez informed the attendees himself and Veronica Ortiz would be attending an Impact Aid training on Monday and Tuesday of next week. To better understand the process of how to get back the Impact Aid forms from the Schools.
- c) Meeting date for us to work through the data/Ricardo Sanchez advised the attendees that the TESER was submitted and a copy was given to both Ohkay Owingeh and Santa Clara Pueblo as well as the Espanola Public Schools. Ricardo Sanchez also shared with the attendees a copy of part of the TESER.
- d) Comprehensive Needs Assessment/Rebecca Moore video/call in to speak with attendees. Rebecca Moore/NMHU via conference call stated that she would be helping Ricardo Sanchez out with a needs assessment survey that could be given to the Espanola Public Schools native American parents getting a better perspective of what the needs are for their children that attend public schools. Gina Chavarria stated that it would take a long time to get this going and that if they had known they would have liked to have gotten these surveys so they could have handed them out to their parents

when they had a community meeting because trying to get parents to come in is a hard thing to do. Holly Martinez stated that it would be a good idea to have the surveys available during a school event. Ricardo Sanchez stated that this is only the planning stages and it would take about a year to actually get it into place, but wanted to get everyone on board with what he is planning on doing. Rebecca Moore stated that Mr. Sanchez was correct in the survey being in the planning stages and would be available to meet on Wednesday's, Thursday's in the afternoons and Friday mornings to further discuss the survey and questions.

- e) Discuss and planning/dates/ Ricardo Sanchez stated that more planning would have to be addressed for the need's assessment by both Gina Chavarria & Aileen Lopez

V. New business

- a) Professional Development/ Ricardo Sanchez stated that he signed up himself, Brandon Cata and Jessica Wright to attend the Indigenous Language Institute to be held in October at Buffalo Thunder Resort. Ricardo Sanchez also stated that the same individuals were planning to attend the Research Alliance Conference in Alb. but it was cancelled.
- b) 506 forms/Imact Aid Forms/ Ricardo Sanchez stated that he sent out the 506 and Impact Aid forms to the schools also stated that he had not given a date for Impact Aid forms.
- c) Tewa Woman United/ Nathana Bird spoke about the financial literacy program. It is for middle school to high school. The curriculum is to teach the students to how to budget their money, giving them an opportunity to balance a check book, buy a car, insurance and keep up with maintenance of the vehicle. The program in about ½ hour long an will be given when they go and visit with the schools.
- d) IGA Grant/ Ricardo Sanchez stated that he was applying for the grant to hopefully get money to bring in a tewa teacher for JHR elementary because there is a need for one for the number of native students attending. Mr. Sanchez also stated that he had sent a set of questions to both Jeremy Oyanque and Aileen Lopez and still had not gotten a response from them.
- e) Letter from SFIS/ Ricardo Sanchez gave a sample letter stating about the student's behavior in tewa class to Aileen Lopez asking her if there was

way that she could get a letter like that and have the governor sign it so that he could give it to the Middle school and High school students.

- f) Room 700 blessed/ Ricardo Sanchez stated that the Tewa class at the high school was at its permanent place but would like to get it blessed.
- g) Holly Martinez Federal Programs/ Holly Martinez stated that she was present to introduce herself and let the attendees know that through her program she had different ways of helping with these students whether it being for tutoring or any other ways. Ms. Martinez stated that she would be attending the regular IEC meetings so that she knew what was going on with the Indian Education program. Mr. Sanchez then introduced Fanny Castillo Bilingual Director to the meeting and asked if there was anything she would like to share. Mrs. Castillo stated that was what she wanted to know more about the Tewa seal for the seniors and would like to help out in any way she could to help those Native American students get the seal. Mrs. Castillo stated that she would be getting with Brandon Cata the mid/high school Tewa teacher and see where she could help out. Gina Chavarria stated that she would like to get a copy of seal regulations. Madeline Naranjo stated that she had concerns about the seal because her child from last year was given misleading information and was discouraged when she was told she could not get the seal on her diploma. Mr. Sanchez stated that he would talk with Brandon Cata about that situation.
- h) More Meetings with Parents/ Mr. Sanchez stated that he would like to meet with the parents in the communities of Ohkay Owingeh and Santa Clara, to discuss about the kind of programs that the Indian Education provides. Mr. Sanchez asked Gina Chavarria and Aliene Lopez to email him with some dates and where he could meet with the parents.

VI. Adjournment

Ricardo Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Minutes submitted by: Veronica Ortiz

Minutes approved by: Ricardo Sanchez