



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Candessa Tehee, Chair

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Monday, February 12, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tehee called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Co-Chair Callison gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Johnny Kidwell; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley reported on the Work Programs and The Counselor Appreciation Day lunch held at the Job Corp. She introduced her management team members. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shambaugh commented on the chili provided for the Council lunch. Councilor Callison gave appreciation for the lunch invitation from the Pryor staff. Ms. Kelley announced they have been in conversations with Disney Corp regarding culinary staff jobs.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance reported on the college resource fair in Roland. He announced the stole and honor cords would be available online March 5th. He also announced the date for Public School Appreciation. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Councilor Dobbins inquired if Mr. Vance is also the Athletic Director for Sequoyah. He began to inquire about the hiring processes for the coaches when Chair Tehee suggested the more appropriate place for the discussion would be with Human Resources. Councilor Dobbins inquired if the students have to be native to attend Sequoyah.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from her report. Chair Tehee inquired if the perfect attendance has continued.

Sequoyah High School - Rita Bunch / Justin Brown

Principal Brown offered to answer questions from the report provided. He the BIE review is complete and they passed and are considered elite among BIE schools.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:28 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery
Debra Lack
Lindsey Williams*

*Diane Kelley
Justin Brown
Kim Childers*

*Mark Vance
Verna Thompson*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddy Snell