



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Monday, November 16, 2020

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

Absent 1 - E. O. "JR." Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere made a motion to approve the October minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley gave an update on the training classes. She reported on the mobile command vehicle and two mobile class training labs. She announced they will be starting their 2nd certified medical assistance class after the first of the year. This past week they had to shut down one of their offices up north due to COVID. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shaw requested additional information on the RN scholarship program.

Executive Director's Report - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch gave highlights from the report provided. The checks for the grants to the schools have been cut to those schools who applied. He announced there is a survey on the main Cherokee.org webpage for the parents of homeschooled children to see if they qualify to a mifi or hotspot. He provided an update on the counts for the car tag funds to provide checks back to the schools. Mr. Bunch participated in a group with the State Department of Education for them to interview for their Executive Director of American Indian Education for Oklahoma. In regard to College Resources the funding for the fall semester is complete. They are now taking stole applications. An update was given on the concurrent enrollment applications. He offered to answer questions from this report. Chair Austin gave appreciation for the report showing the top universities receiving our scholarship funding. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the tech grant. He inquired if the mifi's being provided have unlimited or limited data. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on the school grants as to when they would be notified. He requested a list of the schools funded and the amount funded.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Bunch offered to answer questions from the Head Start report. Councilor Shaw inquired if anyone has tested positive for COVID-19 at the school.

Sequoyah High School - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch reported Mr. Brian Hail provided training for the rapid COVID-19 testing to allow students back on campus. He provided a student attendance update by stating each grade attends a different day to lessen the number of students on campus at a time. They perform COVID testing of the students and staff weekly. The 4th quarter of school started today. A virtual ACT test will be held at no cost to the students with appreciation to Cherokee Nation Foundation. He stated they are being told the state testing will be held at the end of this school year. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire gave appreciation to getting the students back on campus. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the status of extracurricular activities. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if the transfers have slowed down. He also voiced concern for issues with the parents teaching and internet issues.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:40 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery *Todd Enlow*

Remote:

Corey Bunch *Diane Kelley*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown