



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, February 18, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Duncan requested to be come a member of this committee.

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

Absent 2 - Keith Austin and Harley Buzzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw moved to approve the January regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported they received their 8th five-year contract for Talking Leaves Job Corp. She provided a copy of the OBS report showing 100% capacity at the Job Corp facility. She reported on the job shadowing held on Groundhog Day. She announced with the growth of programs they have had to move the vocational programs, the work experience, summer youth and day training programs all to the South Gate building. She provided an update on the TANF program. She reported on the opioid grant and the upcoming job fairs. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the number of employees at the Job Corp and how many of those have a degree.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Ms. Jennifer Pigeon reported in the absence of Mr. Etheridge. She commented the Stool policy has been provided although there will be one amendment. She announced March 1st the scholarship applications open with a deadline of June 15th. The Public School Appreciation day will be March 1st at Hard Rock. Councilor Shaw inquired if the schools know the amount of the check they will receive at the Public School Appreciation and if we have any say on how those dollars are spent. Councilor Warner requested numbers be pulled in regard to concurrent enrollment to see if we could also waive the tuition for up to nine hours for seniors. Councilor Crittenden gave an update on his concern for transportation of kids to the immersion school.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Pigeon offered to answer questions for Ms. Thompson.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Ms. Jolyn Choate reported in the absence of Mr. Qualls. She provided a brief overview of the report submitted. Councilor Byrd inquired about the status of the parking issue. The Regional Accreditation Officer will be visiting our facility on Wednesday so we can be State Accredited. They are in the planning stages with the farm to school grant. They are in the third year of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant and are currently writing for an additional three-year grant. She provided a copy of the regional basketball bracket.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **19-010** A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEER WORK OF JOSE ACALA ON THE REMEMBER THE REMOVAL BIKE RIDE
Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilors Shaw and Vazquez requested to be added as sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Warner moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:38 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>Jolyn Choate</i>	<i>Holly Davis</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>

Todd Enlow

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad