

Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex 17675 S. Muskogee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464

Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Candessa Tehee, Chair

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Monday, August 12, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Poindexter 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. Councilor Easley seconded the motion. the motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported on the Job Corp center, the Wildland Fire Program, the upcoming job fairs and the open houses for the field offices. She offered to answer questions from the report.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance reported on the school safety summit, their grant projects, the deadline for schools to apply for the STEM grant, and attendance at At Large meetings. He provided an update on the scholarships. He offered to answer any questions. Councilor Legg inquired if all of the STEM schools have been contacted. Councilor Shambaugh requested the STEM grant information be sent to the Council office for distribution to the Council.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. McMahan reported in the absence of Ms. Thompson. He reported the mental health consultant for the Early Childhood Unit starts on August 26th. He spoke about the video research project. He offered to address any questions.

Sequoyah High School - Terry Heustis

Mr. Heustis reported they are fully staffed, commented on athletics, and announced the freshmen arrive on Wednesday and everyone else arrives on Thursday. They will have a cultural day on Friday. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Dobbins inquired about their cell phone policy.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:13 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Vance Diane Kelley Brooke Neff
Shella Bowlin Corey Bunch Bryan Warner
Shane McMahan Tim Heustis

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young Teddye Snell