



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, March 11, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

Absent 1 - Buel Anglen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Lay made a motion to approve the February 18th minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley gave cups with the Job Corp logo to all of the Council members. Talking Leaves is having a facility survey from the United States Department of Labor to determine if there are improvements needed. Job Corp remains at capacity therefore they are shifting some staff to meet demands. All of the female Tribal Councilors have been included in a poster for March is Women's History Month placed here at the complex. Administrative Professional Day is April 24th at Talking Leaves Job Corp. They will be at the State Capital on March 19th with the Guthrie Job Corp and the Tulsa Job Corp with a Proclamation declaring it Job Corp Day in the State. A safety fair will be held on April 26th at One Fire Field. She provided information on the upcoming job fairs. Staff will be attending the National Workforce Conference at the end of March. Staff will be attending the National Indian and Native American Employment Conference in Durant the later part of April. Ms. Kelley gave an update on

the Opioid grant. Councilor Crittenden inquired if they have ever provided security guard training. Councilors Buzzard and Shambaugh gave appreciation to the assistance in getting Grand Lake Mental Health to open in the old clinic in Jay and the Simmons poultry plant in Jay.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Ms. Jennifer Pigeon reported in the absence of Mr. Etheridge. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the survey. Councilor Buzzard inquired if there would be Valedictorian and salutatorian scholarship policy would be the same as last year. He inquired if the stoal is only for the college graduates.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson gave an update on the safe rooms and cameras at the Head Start facilities. She reported they are still looking for a lead teacher at Salina. Ms. Thompson announced they would be celebrating Women's History Month through Women in Long Term Leadership. They will be hosting National training for leadership development. She announced they are beginning enrollment for next year.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave highlights from the State Tournament for basketball and band. He reported on other athletic events. He commented on the upcoming prom and the ACT testing. They just received notification a student has been accepted into Harvard. Councilor Dobbins confirmed there will no new recipients to the Gates Scholarship. He commented on the milestone of both the girls and boys basketball teams getting to the State Tournament.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:40 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Roy Boney
Leroy Qualls
Payton Qualls*

*Jennifer Pigeon
Diane Kelley
Todd Enlow*

*Brandon Scott
Verna Thompson*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell

Gary Cooper

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad