



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Shawn Crittenden, Chair

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Monday, May 15, 2023

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Shawn Crittenden; Candessa Tehee; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley introduced some staff and gave an overview of some of the staffing changes. Summer Youth will begin June 12th for six weeks, the interviews begin tomorrow. She gave an update on the Wild Land Fire Program. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about program participants not getting their stipends.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance reported the Valedictorian and Salutatorian checks that were not picked up for presentations have been mailed to the students. The scholarships deadline is June 15th. The kickoff for the Remember the Removal Bike Ride is May 31st, they will return on June 23rd. The Graduation Stoles have been mailed. Camp Cherokee is in June and July. JOM is back to \$40 per student. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about being able to wear Native

regalia at graduations. Councilor Kidwell inquired about the number of High School Honor Cords given to At Large students. He requested clarification on the requirements to receive the cords.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson announced this Thursday is Head Starts 58th birthday. She reported on the Ameri-Corp Tutors and the HR Partners Tutors. They will be sending some of their staff to Infant Massage Class Certification.

Sequoyah High School - Rita Bunch

Mr. Brown reported on the Archery Team, Graduation this Friday night, and the boys basketball coach. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:23 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Diane Kelley
Justin Brown*

*Mark Vance
Verna Thompson*

George Roach

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddy Snell