



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, March 16, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Julia Coates; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

Late Arrival 5 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; Harley Buzzard and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the February 26th regular session minutes.
Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services/Voc. Ed - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided an update of staffing changes in her offices. They met today with the BIA Forestry Division for the third time regarding standard operating procedures. She provided a goody bag of promotional items for their Cherokee Career Connections website. The NAVTECH students from the Business Tech Class gave notepads to all of the Council members and Council staff. She also provided small notepads that are environmentally friendly by being made out of rocks with Job Corp's phone number. She commented they have eight students currently in the JDNEG welding program. They are taking applications for the culinary training program in Sallisaw. A meeting was held this morning with the Creek Nation regarding their Re-Entry Program and two possible grants. Councilor Buzzard

inquired if the forestry plan would include thinning the pine trees at Bull Hollow.

Executive Director's Report - Dr. Gloria Sly / Bruce Davis

Chair Walkingstick requested Coordinator, Lisa Trice Turtle, introduce the Youth Council Members and announce the district they represent.

Dr. Sly offered to answer questions from the report provided. She reminded everyone the Valedictorian and Salutatorian scholarships deadline is the 10th of April. Trail of Tears Excellence Awards are due April 1st. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired if the Concurrent Enrollment change request discussed last month had been addressed. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the contact with the school superintendents regarding the JOM. He requested any information sent to the schools in his area also be sent to him for follow up. Councilor Coates requested clarification on the number of Promise Scholarship participants. Councilor Keener inquired what grade the Immersion School received from the State. Councilor Glory Jordan voiced concern for the State grading system and it being used with the Immersion School.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Dr. Sly offered to answer questions in the absence of Ms. Thompson.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls went over the highlights of the written report provided. He commented Sequoyah is mostly BIE funded while the Immersion School does receive some State funding. He gave commented on some of the things the State is considering changing including stopping the school grading system. He provided an update on the athletics including the girls' basketball team bringing home the gold ball. Last year's graduating class is donating a gazebo to the school. They are trying to start a reading partners program at the Immersion School. He provided updates on the Cherokee Livestock Show. They are considering starting an agricultural science program at Sequoyah. Councilor Buzzard suggested starting a garden along with the agriculture program.

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave the highlights from the written report provided. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for the road conditions going to the Saline Courthouse. Councilor Coates inquired if they still have the bus tours. Ms. Jarvis commented she would leave itineraries for Cherokee Days with the staff.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-035](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAREER SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM
Councilor Hargis moved to approve and forward to full council this evening.

Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:31 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lisa Trice Turtle</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Linda O'Leary</i>
<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Christopher Thompson</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>	<i>CN Youth Council</i>