



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, November 16, 2015

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - Jack D. Baker

Late Arrival 2 - Don Garvin and David Thornton, Sr.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the October 12th minutes as submitted.

Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley announced they have had more vendors RSVP to the TERO banquet this year than ever before. The Cherokee Nation Christmas open house will be held from 11 – 2 on Friday, December 4th. The graduation for the iron workers will be on December 4th in Tulsa. A reception will be held for the culinary students who are

graduating. Masonry classes will soon start at the Vo-Tech in Stilwell. They are canvassing to see if they have enough participants for the heavy equipment classes to be held here in Tahlequah after the first of the year. Plumbing, electrical and HVAC trainings will begin after the first of the year also. Their sector partnership grant report went in for the first quarter with all goals met. She reported they also met all of the goals for the JDNEG grant.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge offered to answer questions from the report provided. Ms. Jennifer Pigeon announced on December 3rd the College Resource Center will host their first college and career fair in the ballroom from 6-8 p.m. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the policy for concurrent enrollment. Councilor Hargis requested a flyer for the college and career fair be emailed to the council. Mr. Etheridge announced the Youth Tribal Council inaugurations will be held this Saturday.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls reported they have made the playoffs. He gave an overview of the report. He reported they had 2 girls receive softball scholarships. They had over thirty students and staff attended the Nanyehi play at Hard Rock. Several students attended senior day at OSU. He gave an update on the robotics program. Their Veterans Day assembly was coordinated by the National Honor Society. This month they are recognizing Native American Heritage month with a hog fry on Wednesday and a lot of activities. Their annual Thanksgiving lunch is on the 20th and everyone is invited. Councilor Byrd inquired about the renovation of the stadium.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from the report provided. Everyone gave appreciation and applause for the wonderful Thanksgiving lunch. She announced they received a special grant for the roof replacements throughout the village.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:37 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Jennifer Pigeon
Diane Kelley*

*Ron Etheridge
Leroy Qualls*

*David Moore
Canaan Duncan*

Verna Thompson

Tom Elkins

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

Carolyn Smith

Allen Smith

Dianne Barker Harrold