



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

David Walkingstick, Chair

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Monday, September 11, 2017

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker Shaw moved to approve the August 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported the Job Corp numbers are down due to some zero tolerance matters. She reported on recruitment efforts coming up including a booth at the Tulsa State Fair and the Arkansas Oklahoma State Fair. The GED graduation will be held this Thursday evening with over one-hundred graduates. They are busy taking vocational training applications. The TERO Outreach, Grants Compliance and Navtech program have all started the move to their new building. A construction fair will be held this Wednesday for Flintco-Cooper Construction and our new health facility. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Baker Shaw requested the information on the jobs available to pass on to the At Large Cherokees. Councilor Taylor commented on the ramps built by the Building Trades Program at the Heritage Center. Ms. Kelley announced October is manufacturing month and she would provide information on the activities. Councilor Byrd inquired if we have or have had heavy equipment training.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge announced the new Miss Cherokee is Madison Whitekiller and the new Jr. Miss Cherokee is Danya Pigeon. Roy Boney has been recognized as American 40 under 40. They have hired Francis Head to do some contract work with the STEM program. With the new Title VI guidelines and the Every Student Succeeds Act they are required to get out in the communities and collaborate with the schools, he announced the schedule of meetings with those schools. The 107 schools will receive the motor vehicle tag funds of \$4,150 within the next couple of weeks. The JOM schools have all received their allocations for this year. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired what happened with the Cherokee Promise funding issue. Chair Walkingstick reminded the concurrent enrollment work group meeting following the Community Service committee this afternoon. He stated he would like to form a work group for the Promise Scholars upon the completion of the concurrent enrollment work group.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson announced she brought with her Miss Littledave and Ms. Turner to give highlights on the national video they participated in as a Head Start training tool. Ms. Thompson announced they have been selected to host a national training event on October 3rd at the Children's Village conference room. She gave an update on the trees at the Children's circle. Councilor Buzzard inquired about an alternate solution for the trees.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls provided an update on the sewer issues. He reported on their concurrent enrollment and state accreditation. Highlights were given on the recent and upcoming events. Mr. Qualls gave a follow up of information given in regard to Career tech. Chair Walkingstick inquired about bathrooms at the football games. They inquired about power washing the gym.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:45 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Canaan Duncan
Diane Kelley
Alayna Farris

Ron Etheridge
Leroy Qualls
Sandra Turner

Verna Thompson
Barbara Littledave

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad