



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, April 15, 2019

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkingstick called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Rex Jordan; 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 - Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 2 - Shawn Crittenden and Buel Anglen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw moved to approve the March minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley gave highlights from the report submitted. She provided an update on the Job Corp center including a follow up regarding incident reports questioned during last month's committee. Chair Walkingstick inquired about drug testing at the Job Corp center. The Administrative Professional Day Luncheon will be held on April 24th. The Safety Fair will be held here at the One Fire Field on April 26th. She has staff attending the NORA Conference, Leadership Tahlequah and The National Employment Training Conference. She introduced new staff Vanessa Hansen and Johnny Deaton. She handed out coffee mugs from the Talking Leaves Job Corp with contact information included.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge announced Barbara McAlister will receive the Governor's Arts Award tomorrow. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Walkingstick inquired about Camp Cherokee and if there would be an arts camp. He also inquired about the scholarship application deadlines and the Salutatorian and Valedictorian awards. Mr. Etheridge reported last Friday was the deadline for the Stem and twenty-four applications were received. Chair Walkingstick inquired about having a language program graduate teach language to at the schools through the JOM programs.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

No one was present to report.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls gave an update on athletic events and academics achievements. They have four students accepted into the College Horizons Program this summer. Four graduating seniors have earned the distinction of Academic Scholar for the State of Oklahoma. They have one Gates Scholar finalist this year. Sequoyah hosted an ACT test day last Saturday. A group of Juniors were taken to an OU Shadow Day. Chair Walkingstick inquired about the date of Graduation. Councilor Byrd inquired about the pricing of a charter bus for the tribe.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randall gave an overview of the report provided. She commented they had over 800 scholarship applications for 20 available scholarships. Councilor Duncan inquired about the Adair County numbers for the junior achievement and testing strategies. Councilor Vazquez inquired about placing Vinita on the Testing for Success workshop. Councilor Warner commented on zoom software and the possibility of spreading the partnership throughout the jurisdictional area. Councilor Taylor suggested holding the Princeton review in the northern areas also. Councilor Shaw inquired about streaming or recording and making it available at a later time for the At Large students. Councilor Dobbins commented on the scholarship review and selection process. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the Junior Achievement.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 4:12 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>	<i>Debra Lack</i>
<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Paiten Qualls</i>	<i>Johnny Deaton</i>
<i>Vanessa Hansen</i>	<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Kevin Stretch</i>
<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Barbara Foreman</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Janice Randall</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
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