



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Monday, January 13, 2020

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Deere gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg and Wes Nofire

Late Arrival 4 - Joe Byrd; Canaan Duncan ; Rex Jordan and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve the December 2019 regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

The Council wished Ms. Kelley a very happy birthday. Ms. Kelley recognized the passing of a Talking Leaves Residential Advisor and requested the family be kept in everyone's prayers. Ms. Kelley provided an update on the Job Corp boundaries. She reported on the Job Corp student count. She announced Construction trades, HVAC tech, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, health, certified medical assistant, certified billing and coding specialist, and security classes will all be available at Northeast Tech and Indian Capitol Technology through the Career Readiness Act. They received a cooperative agreement from OSU Tech for a lineman program and look to start classes in mid-February. We were recognized in the Mid America quarterly newsletter for winning the chili cook-off. She commented they are working on a booklet of pictures from the council orientation recently held and will provide them upon their completion. They will meet tomorrow with CNB in regard to coordinating openings, referrals, job fairs and any other updates pertaining to Russellville. The

Muskogee office location is open and they are in the process of moving locations within the Mid America Industrial Park in Pryor. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Deere announced an electrician job fair will be held this Thursday in Tulsa by a Cherokee business.

Executive Director's Report - Ron Etheridge

Mr. Etheridge reported the Remember the Removal bike riders have been working out for approximately six weeks. The Youth Tribal Council met and elected officers on January 4th. The Youth Council is preparing for the Youth Summit on March 19th at the Choeta Room in the Tahlequah Casino. College Resources is one advisor short at this time. Mr. Etheridge gave an update on the undergraduate and concurrent enrollment scholarships. The spring renewal numbers are up for the undergraduate scholarships. He gave an overview of the process for the valedictorian and salutatorian award checks. The language course is now available through RSU TV and being taught by Wade Blevins. The staff met last week with the State Department of Education in regard to revising the Cherokee Language Teacher certification test. Mr. Etheridge requested as much advance notice as possible for the Education to attend the Council community meetings. Camp Cherokee information will be sent out in March. The State JOM Conference will be hosted by the Chickasaw Nation in Thackerville. They will soon start visiting all of the Title VI schools within the fourteen counties to discuss their funding usage. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Austin inquired about changes at the Heritage Center and who is the acting director at this time. Councilor Legg requested clarification on the valedictorian and salutatorian check process. Councilor Crittenden inquired about tracking the number of students who only get the undergraduate scholarship once. He also inquired if a Camp Cherokee at Bell is possible. Chair Austin commented on the Cherokee One language course on RSU TV.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson announced the safe rooms paid for themselves twice last Friday. There was enough room for all of the kids, staff and fifteen parents at the Children's circle. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Sequoyah High School - Leroy Qualls

Mr. Qualls provided an update from the report provided. The application process for the eighth grade will begin soon. Councilor Crittenden inquired who determines the number of students that can be accepted each year.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:52 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Elizabeth Odell
Ron Etheridge
Roy Boney
Tina Glory Jordan*

*Holly Davis
Diane Kelley
Leroy Qualls*

*Bryan Warner
Todd Enlow
Verna Thompson*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Cheryl Parrish
Teddy Snell*

Erna Reeves

Tim Brown