



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Keith Austin, Chair

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Monday, February 22, 2021

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Coates and Deere attended remotely.

Present 17 - Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan; Joe Deere; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Dora Patzkowski; Daryl Legg; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden and Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shaw made a motion to approve. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Ms. Kelley reported Talking Leaves students are back at full capacity. The distance learning program is at 100% virtual learning. The Stilwell and Pryor offices will be moving locations. The Vinita office will move locations before summer. Chair Austin commented on the linemen being hero's during the storm.

Executive Director's Report - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch gave highlights from the report provided. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian applications are open beginning March 1st. The scholarship deadlines are also March 1st. The Cherokee Nation Stole program deadline is April 30th. The Public School

Appreciation day is tentatively scheduled for March 23rd as a virtual event. JOM has sent out information to the school administrators for the challenge bowl and other activities. The Trail of Tears Awards must be postmarked by March 10th. He commented he has been keeping a close eye on educational issues at the State and Federal levels. Councilor Buzzard requested all of the dates be given to the Council by email. Councilor Austin inquired about parents reaching out for tutoring help. Councilor Deere inquired about keeping track of students through EPIC. Councilor Crittenden inquired about students being paid through EPIC. Councilor Nofire inquired about BIE COVID funds we may receive. Councilor Byrd inquired about spring athletics at Sequoyah. Councilor Nofire commented with the vaccines and the COVID numbers down that the students deserve the opportunity to play sports. Councilor Taylor inquired about the ACT being used as a measure of assessment. Chair Austin inquired about the deadline for the upcoming ACT camp.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Mr. Bunch offered to answer questions from the Head Start report provided.

Sequoyah High School - Corey Bunch

Mr. Bunch addressed these questions during the Director's report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:33 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery Todd Enlow

Remote:

Diane Kelley Corey Bunch

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown Teddye Snell