

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Red Cliff Tribal Council & Bayfield School Board

JOINT MEETING

November 25, 2013

6:00 p.m. at Bayfield School Library

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Quorum

School Board members Present: Billy Jo Johnson, Cindy Garrity, Jennifer Leask and Liz Woodworth.

Also in attendance: David Aslyn, Superintendent; Scott Stralka, K-12 Principal, Sandy Raspotnik, Director of Pupil Services; Dee Gokee-Rindall, Red Cliff Education Division Director and community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by James Pete.

Pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA

Added "Fishing Committee requests" to Other.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

At the prior joint meeting it was decided that both the Tribal Council and School board select 3 priorities to discuss at this meeting. The Tribe's were the Elementary Ojibwemowin Teacher, Full-time Director of pupil services, Red Cliff History Course and Act 31 training and reestablishment of the NA club. The Bayfield School Board selected Safety, Full time director of Pupil Services and Student Voices.

FULL TIME DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES

It was agreed that having a full-time Director of Pupil Services was needed since the rate of Special needs students is considerably high. Almost twice the state average, it was explained. Superintendent Aslyn explained that the School Board is looking at the budget and may have to wait until next fiscal year to include this expenditure. It is unknown of how the sequester will affect in

budget. The Tribal Council felt that the school should not hesitate and that families need these services now. The School Board could not give a timeline due to budgets being done prior to the school year. Liz Woodworth added that attendance should be main priority.

ELEMENTARY OJIBWE LANGUAGE TEACHER

Dee Gokee-Rindall explained that many surveys have been conducted all showing a strong desire by parents to see an increase Ojibwe language. Superintendent Aslyn stated that the school had applied for an Ojibwe Language grant this year and will know by December 2013 if they will receive it. They will then hire an Ojibwe Language teacher for the remainder of the school year in January 2014. Liz Woodworth had concerns that it may be difficult to fill the position due to the certification requirement.

SAFETY

The school board recently did strategic planning with safety top priority. Bus safety was a large concern. Parents and individuals need to report to the school any issues with students or drivers. School Board requested that Red Cliff install sideways and crosswalks in housings improve safety at bus stops. Jeff Gordon and Superintendent Aslyn spoke with Chief Mertig regarding patrolling bus stops. Red Cliff Law Enforcement has secured funding to all officer presence in-school and increased patrols. Increased patrols are needed up the hill by ball field.

The School Board requested that the Tribe to help with finding volunteer bus monitors. The school has funding to pay for their time. Jeff Gordon and Scott Stralka had suggested to Viking motors to have seating chart to reduce behavior and crowding issues. Scott Stralka will also look into bus driver training. It was explained that progressive discipline is used with kids misbehaving on bus.

ACT 31 TRAINING

Many school staff will be attending the Act 31 training at Northland College. Possible plans to have training at school in future.

RC HISTORY COURSE

The School Board felt that this could be a possible elective course but not mandatory. There are many standards that are already in place that would make a mandatory course difficult to institute. Marvin Defoe believed that incorporating Red Cliff history and Ojibwe language into the whole K-12 curriculum would be most effective. Bryan Bainbridge suggested that Red Cliff history be included in mandatory classes. Marvin would like to see three options including an elective class, mandatory class and integration of history and language throughout the whole curriculum.

STUDENT VOICE/NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB

There is no one adults available to advise the Native American Club at this time. There are funds set aside for this position and it had been posted. Superintendent Aslyn will ask Linda Weber to repost the position and send information to the Tribal Council.

Next meeting will be tentatively March 17, 2014 at Legendary Waters Resort and Casino.

The Bayfield School Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

FISHING COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Lake Superior Fishing Agreement. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the MI2-Mi5 Quotas. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve 14 Big Boat licenses, 5 Small Boat licenses and 25 Small Boat renewals. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. (1 abstention: Bryan Bainbridge) Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council