

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 24, 2013

6:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Nathan Gordon at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Absent

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Absent

Mike Gurnoe, Present (left at 8:00 p.m.)

Steven Boyd, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Bayfield School Board, Dee Gokee-Rindal, Red Cliff Education Division, Sandy Raspotnik, Pupil Services Director; Jeff Gordon, Dean of Students and community members.

AGENDA

Added "approval of Resolution pertains to the Head Start – Early Head Start Application for Supplemental Funds" to Other.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony was performed by Carolyn Gouge'. A moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of a community member.

MOU/LISTENING SESSION ISSUES UPDATE

The Bayfield School Board provided their responses to the Tribal Council's adopted recommendations made at the last meeting.

On the concerns involving bus safety, the Board provided an overview of the district's Safety Program and guidelines. All policies are available on the school website. Steve Dunn is the school's Safety Coordinator. All bus referrals are given to Jeff Gordon and are dealt with promptly. Discussion on having bus monitors. Deb Knopf suggested having elders volunteer to ride the bus. Parents should call Lucy Hanson or Keeley to reach Jeff or Mr. Stralka when issues arise. A notice to parents will be sent home.

In response to the Council's concern on the gap in Ojibwe language instruction in the elementary, the school expressed its willingness to partner with the tribe in developing the K-4 immersion school. The school recently hired an academic support person who will be going into elementary classrooms providing language lessons. They have also applied for a grant through DPI which will allow a language

consultant to be hired. The school also expressed the importance of families and community involvement. The ECC offers a weekly language table that families can attend. Community members and Council reiterated the need for Ojibwe language instruction at the school. Craig Hoopman believed that language learning should start in the home and in the community.

The need for additional tutors at the school was discussed. The school provides tutoring through TAP program and has served many students. Teachers also reserve time in their schedules to allow students time to receive additional support. The Red Cliff Education department is not able to fund a tutor due to lack of funding consequently Title VII will fund this position. Suggestion of having peer tutoring.

It was agreed that the Council and Board will meet regularly to address all concerns and focus on a few each meeting.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

Next meeting will be scheduled in November at 6:00 p.m. The Board and Tribal Council are to decide on three topics to discuss at that time.

Need to have a meeting set for every other month to stay on top of the priority list. Laura J. Gordon will work with Dave AsyIn to set up the next meeting which will take place in November at 6:00 p.m. at the Bayfield School Library

OTHER

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Resolution **9/24/13A** pertaining to Head Start – Early Head Start application for One-Time Supplemental funds for 20% Health Insurance increase. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council