

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Red Cliff Tribal Council and Bayfield School Board

August 22, 2013

1:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Absent

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 1:10 p.m.

AGENDA

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to return back into Regular Session. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

In attendance: Bayfield School Board, David Ujke, Tribal Attorney; Dr. David Aslyn, Bayfield School Superintendent; Bayfield School staff and community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Jim Pete.

MOU/LISTENING SESSION ISSUES

This special meeting was held to discuss issues that had been expressed at the Community Listening Session in July. Rose Gurnoe informed those in attendance that the Tribal Council met prior to this meeting and had come up with recommendations for the School Board.

On the issue of smudging: the Council recommended that the school arrange for a designated place to smudge indoors, possibly in the new shop building. School board members did not feel this is possible due to the ventilation system. Two staff members are allergic and 30 students have asthma.

There was a suggestion made to purchase a shelter from Dave Doering to be placed outside near school so that kids do not need to walk far in bad weather. Students will also need parental permission and be supervised by designated adult. School staff would not be able to do this. School has non-discriminatory policy; parents can fill out form and designate an adult to supervise. Smudging will be on the next school board meeting agenda.

Discussion on spirit pole: Marvin Defoe spoke with elders and does not think the time is appropriate for this. The Council may revisit this in the future.

The Council asked that the school provide more tutoring and asked that the school email a list of tutors. At this time, the TAP program offers tutoring.

School bus safety: There is a safety policy in place but, only includes procedures. One bus has two aids. Concerns were expressed by community members of some bus drivers mistreating of kids. Dr. Aslyn asked that parents contact the school when problems arise so they can address them. Suggestion was made to train bus drivers, include a stipulation in contract with the bus company. Jennifer Leask had the idea of having parents volunteer to supervise on the bus.

School safety: School doors are secured at 8:45. All staff is trained on procedures. Stralka is working with Mertig on ways to be proactive. Parents have difficulty reaching staff after 3:00 pm at school. Stralka stated they purchased a radio system for bus drivers and staff to resolve this.

Council would like to see an Ojibwe Language teacher for the elementary? Diane Defoe was the only teacher and was only able to hold 15 minute classes at a time.

School is looking to hire academic resource coordinator, who will assist with culture and language instruction.

The Council would like the school to send them data regarding IEPs and assessments including ratio of Native Americans compared to non-native.

The Council would like to see a part-time Cultural Coordinator/liaison available to staff and students. They used to have a position called the "Cultural Resource Specialist" that Mike Rindall held. Safe and supportive schools grant may have funds for this.

The School Board asked that the Council help organize the elder's council.

The Council would like to see a courses offer in local history, tribal government and Red cliff Tribal government. They would also like to see an environmental science class involving local resources.

The Council would like a youth representative at the table from either Junior Tribal Council or Native American Club.

Cultural Sensitivity training is being offered. Bo Rosen and Runninghorse Livingston are schedule to train staff next Thursday. Discussion on using Red Cliff Tribal members to train staff.

The Council asked that the school email a list of available positions at the school and if any applicants were Native American.

Suggestion made by Cindy Garrity to allow TANF workers to do their hours at the school.

Marvin Defoe moved to adopt the educational recommendations and submit to the Bayfield School Board for consideration. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: The Red Cliff Education Department to assist and monitor the progress. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Russia trip being planned by Rick Erickson. Any kids are allowed to go but they need to do their own fundraising. Jeff Gordon suggested that Rick Erickson attend the next joint meeting to give details.

The next joint meeting is tentatively set for September 24th.

Marvin Defoe moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:22p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council