



APS Indian Education Department (IED)
Indian Education Committee (IEC) Virtual Meeting
February 18, 2021

- I. The IEC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. The Roll Call of the Indian Education Committee is as follows:
Giselle Montoya, Chairperson/Pueblo of Santa Ana Parent Representative – Present;
Wes Corben, Vice-Chairperson/At-Large Parent Representative – Present;
Alexis Perea, Secretary/At-Large Parent Representative – Present;
Mildred Chiquito, APS Teacher/Counselor Representative – Present;
Suzanna Tenorio, Pueblo of Zuni Parent Representative – Present;
Jacqueline Platero, Tohajiilee Parent Representative – ABSENT;
Shamenika Nelson, Navajo Parent Representative – Present;
Tehya Barber, High School Student Representative – Present;
Jered Lee, At-Large Parent Representative – ABSENT.
- III. The Chairperson Moves to Approve the meeting agenda.
- IV. OPEN FORUM
 - a. Parent Mildred Chiquito, who previously spoke of her daughter's struggles with online learning and her own frustration with the lack of communication from her daughter's school Principal and Counselor, stated the school is now communicating with her on a regular basis.
- V. REPORTS
 - a. The Indian Education Department Instructional Manager shared information on the Indian Education Department Reimbursement Letter which outlines different services that are available for reimbursement. Some examples are:
 - SAT and ACT Testing Fees
 - AP (Advanced Placement) Classes Registration Fees
 - College application fees up to \$100.00
 - Eyeglasses for those students who qualify under Title I

The Chairperson asked how is the Letter of Reimbursement sent to parents so they are aware of the opportunity? The Instructional Manager replied the Reimbursement Letter is available on the Indian Education Department website with instructions.

<http://www.aps.edi/indian-education/documents/reimbursement-2020-2021>.

The At-Large Parent Representative (LSB) stated she was not aware that students who qualify under Title I and JOM are eligible for the eyeglasses reimbursement, asking when did this become effective? The Indian Education Department Senior Director responded that this has always been the process. Many families are eligible for state health insurance which covers one pair of eyeglasses, therefore, not all parents request the reimbursement for eyeglasses.

The Pueblo of Zuni Parent Representative asked if students have to qualify for Title I and Free or Reduced Meals in order to be eligible for the AP Classes Reimbursement and the Graduation Caps & Gowns Reimbursement? The Instructional Manager answered “no”.

- b. The Senior Director reported she views her role as an advocate for the Native American students. When parents contact her regarding issues their student(s) may be having, the Indian Education Department looks at the best solution in getting problems resolved. Referring back to the Title I and JOM eligibility and reimbursement, the Indian Education Department puts a cap on the reimbursement and assistance items, i.e., two items per student, including for eyeglasses. If a student is eligible for Medicaid, they are eligible for a pair of eyeglasses. However, should they require a second pair of eyeglasses, that is when they can receive the second pair through the Indian Education reimbursement process.

At-Large Parent Representative (LSB) asked about eligibility services following 25 CFR Part 273 JOM Regulations? The Senior Director explained services are not always direct, i.e., if UNM (University of New Mexico) is hosting a student event, JOM funding can pay for bus transportation. It is not possible that JOM can allocate funds for every eligible student with a CIB.

- c. The Senior Director reviewed the JOM (Johnson O’Malley) budget.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. The Chairperson advised there needs to be a JOM Bylaws work session. All agreed the date of the work session will be Tuesday, February 23, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m.
- b. The Chairperson advised there will be a special meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021, to approve the JOM Bylaws and the parent committee Mission and Vision Statements. All agreed the special meeting would begin at 5:30 p.m.

VII. The Pueblo of Zuni Parent Representative Motions to Adjourn the Meeting. The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: A Vote of Eight (8) in Favor, None Opposed.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

IPC Chairperson/Pueblo of Santa Ana Parent Representative,

Giselle Montoya _____ Date _____

IPC Vice-Chairperson/At-Large Parent Representative

Wes Corben _____ X _____ Date 3/18/21

IPC Secretary/At-Large Parent Representative,

Alexis Perea _____ Date _____

IPC APS Teacher/Counselor Representative,

Mildred Chiquito _____ X _____ Date 3/18/21

IPC At-Large Parent Representative,

Lauren Stewart-Brunelle _____ X _____ Date 3/18/21

IPC At-Large Parent Representative,

Jered Lee _____ Date _____

IPC Pueblo of Zuni Parent Representative,

Suzanna Tenorio _____ X _____ Date 3/18/21

IPC Tohajiilee Parent Representative,

Jacqueline Platero _____ X _____ Date 3/18/21

IPC Navajo Parent Representative,

Shamenika Nelson _____ X _____ Date 3/18/21

IPC High School Student Representative,

Tehya Barber _____ Date _____