



APS Indian Education Department (IED)
Indian Parent Committee (IPC) Virtual Meeting
March 18, 2021

- I. The IPC Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- III. The Roll Call of the Indian Parent Committee is as follows:
Giselle Montoya, Chairperson/Pueblo of Santa Ana Parent Representative – ABSENT (Excused);
Wes Corben, Vice-Chairperson/At-Large Parent Representative – Present;
Alexis Perea, Secretary/At-Large Parent Representative – ABSENT (Excused);
Lauren Stewart-Brunelle, 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 – Present;
Tehya Barber, High School Student Representative – ABSENT;
Shamenika Nelson, Navajo Parent Representative – Present;
Jered Lee, At-Large Parent Representative – ABSENT.
- IV. The Tohajiilee Parent Representative Motions to Approve the April 18, 2021, and April 25, 2021, Minutes. The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: A Vote of Six (6) in Favor, None Opposed.

V. OPEN FORUM

- a. APS Teacher/Counselor Representative asked why the Seals and Stoles Presentations are scheduled so early this school year? She remembers the presentations being held after the Spring Break. The latest grading period has just ended so are all the Seniors presenting on track to graduate?
The Senior Director responded she will check on this.
- b. Parent Mila Padilla stated because the Native American communities and families have been greatly affected by the Coronavirus, some students may be hesitant to return to in-school learning. Some Native communities have placed restrictions for

their residents so some students will not be returning to schools for the remainder of this school year.

The Vice-Chairperson responded many Pueblos and Native communities have closed or limited access to their communities and have corresponded with the different school districts regarding this. The Senior Director stated she wrote a letter to all parents of Native American students in APS advising there may be transportation issues when schools open, and reminded parents they do have the option to continue online learning for their students.

Parent Suzanna Tenorio asked if Indian Education Teachers are required to return to their classrooms even if they have not yet been vaccinated?

The Senior Director responded that some APS staff have requested to continue teaching virtually if they have completed the necessary paperwork required by Human Resources.

Parent Lauren Stewart-Brunelle asked if PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and school supplies are available to students who did not pick up these items at the beginning of the school year?

The Senior Director responded these items are available and the Indian Education Department hopes to set a date when these items can be handed out to those students.

The Vice-Chairperson stated he placed information in the Chat Box about Covid vaccinations offered by the Pueblo of Acoma. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of this.

Parent Patrick Werito commented about the attendance at the parent meetings. He asked what can be done to actively engage parents?

Tonight's meeting included the approval of the JOM application, which would be an opportune time for parents to ask questions.

The Chairperson responded parent engagement is one of the goals the parent committee hopes to address.

VI. REPORTS

- a. Vice-Chairperson, Wes Corben, reported on HB (House Bill) 24, which would create funding for programs pursuant to the Indian Education Act, allowing tribal governments to receive distribution for Native American Language Programs. He is very disappointed that no credit is given to tribal governments to appropriately utilize funding received. And because of this, the funding is not being used.

- b. The High School Student Representative is not present to give her report.
 - c. Instructional Manager, Philip Farson, reported the Indian Education Department has been meeting weekly with First Nations, the City of Albuquerque, and other Native organizations regarding the youth conference that will be held the last week in April during the afternoons. The conference will focus on health and wellness and substance abuse. High School students and college students will be the facilitators, and there will be different keynote speakers and performers.
 - d. The Senior Director, Dr. Daisy Thompson, announced the Title VI and JOM (Johnson O'Malley) Bylaws have been sent to the APS Board of Education Office. The Indian Education Department will be notified when the Bylaws will be presented to the School Board for approval during an official Board of Education Meeting.
The Spring Tribal Leaders Summit will be held on April 12, 2021, beginning at 8:15 a.m.
- VII. The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Motions to Move to Executive Session. The Tohajiilee Parent Representative Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: A Vote of Six (6) in Favor, None Opposed.
(7:14 p.m.)

- a. 7:30 p.m. – The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Motions to Remove At-Large Parent Representative, Jered Lee, from both the Indian Parent Committee and the Indian Education Committee. The Navajo Parent Representative Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: A Vote of Six (6) in Favor, None Opposed.

- VIII. The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Motions to Adjourn the Meeting. The Tohajiilee Parent Representative Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: A Vote of Six (6) in Favor, None Opposed.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

IPC Chairperson/Pueblo of Santa Ana Parent Representative,
Giselle Montoya X Date 4/15/21

IPC Vice-Chairperson/At-Large Parent Representative
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