

APS Indian Education Department (IED)  
Indian Parent Committee (IPC) Virtual Meeting  
October 15, 2020

1. Jacqueline Platero, Tohajiilee Parent Representative, called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. The Roll Call of the Indian Parent Committee is as follows:  
Suzanna Tenorio, Pueblo of Zuni Parent Representative - Present;  
Mildred Chiquito, APS Teacher/Counselor Representative - Present;  
Jacqueline Platero, Tohajiilee Parent Representative - Present;  
Lauren Stewart-Brunelle, At-Large Parent Representative - Present.

The parent committee members introduced themselves, followed by others in attendance. It was noted that there were 39 participants in attendance (minus the three Indian Education Department staff).

4. The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Motions to Approve the meeting Agenda. Shamenika Nelson, Parent, Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: The meeting Agenda is Approved by a Majority of Aye votes.

5. The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Motions to Table the Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2020. The At-Large Parent Representative Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: Motion to Table the Approval of April 9, 2020, Minutes is carried by a Majority of Aye Votes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. The Indian Education Department Senior Director stated that during the parent meeting last April, Ms. Jacqueline Platero and Ms. Suzanna Tenorio were voted onto the parent committee until elections could be held during the August parent meeting. However, the August parent meeting was not held. Ms. Tenorio is welcome to again seek a position on the parent committee during tonight's parent meeting. Ms. Platero was appointed as the Tohajiilee Parent Representative in a letter from the Tohajiilee Chapter

President (letter from Tohajiilee President was shown on the screen for all). Through the years, individuals have presented letters endorsing them to represent their communities on the APS Indian Education parent committee.

Therefore, Ms. Platero will remain as the Tohajiilee Parent Representative.

There was a question asked regarding the bylaws which do not state anything about community representatives being appointed, that parent representatives are elected to the parent committee by parents in attendance. There was also a question if a grandparent can be a parent committee member. The bylaws define a parent as the parent or legal guardian of a Native American student enrolled in APS. Mr. Phil Vicenti would like to be a part of the parent committee, however, he is a grandparent but is not the legal guardian of his grandchildren.

Ms. Jacqueline Platero also stated she is a parent and a grandparent of students enrolled in APS.

Parents interested in being part of the parent committee then introduced themselves.

Mr. Wes Corben, Ms. Alexis Perea, and Mr. Jered Lee expressed interest in the At-Large Parent Representatives positions; and Ms. Suzanna Tenorio from the Pueblo of Zuni, Ms. Giselle Montoya from the Pueblo of Santa Ana, and Ms. Shamenika Nelson from the Tohajiilee Community, wish to be considered as Community Parent Representatives.

Ms. Tehya Barber expressed her interest in the High School Student Representative position.

There was some confusion whether Ms. Lauren Stewart-Brunelle wishes to seek one of the vacant At-Large Parent Representative positions or if she will remain in her present At-Large Parent Representative position.

Ms. Stewart-Brunelle wishes to remain in her current At-Large Parent Representative position.

Parent, Patrick Werito, stated he was once an Indian Education Director for a New Mexico school district. He considered being a part of this parent

committee to be on the other side, so to speak, but he believes those running for the open positions are more than qualified. He just wants to remind these individuals to not advocate just for their own children but for all the Native American students in APS. Parent committee members need to educate themselves on issues, attend school board meetings, to inquire what professional development is being offered for teachers and staff, such as cultural sensitivity.

Parent, Elroy Keetso, asked if all candidates could express their opinions and views regarding the Yazzie-Martinez lawsuit.

Melissa Wassana, EPICS (Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs), also asked for views regarding Special Education students.

All the interested parents and student admitted they were all aware of the Yazzie-Martinez lawsuit but not as knowledgeable regarding the specifics. All expressed their willingness to research and learn more about this and other issues facing the Native American students attending APS.

Marsha Leno from the Pueblo of Zia, stated she does not have a child in APS but she would very much like to be a part of this parent committee to represent her community. She stated she has assisted in the Martinez-Yazzie lawsuit so she is very knowledgeable about the lawsuit and offered her assistance to the parent committee in educating them. She will give her contact information in the Chat Box for all.

The Senior Director of the Indian Education Department stated at one time, there were more vacancies on the parent committee but it was difficult to fill those vacancies, so the number of parent committee membership was lowered to seven. She suggests that having more parent committee members would be a good thing. She also stated that this parent committee has a lot of work ahead of them, including reviewing and approving the Title VI and JOM Bylaws. Perhaps when reviewing the Bylaws, the parent committee can discuss the possibility of accepting a non-parent member to the parent committee but at this time, that is not an option. Parent Wes Corben asked for clarification, that all those seeking positions on the parent committee be accepted as parent committee members?

The Senior Director of the Indian Education Department responded yes.

The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Motions to Accept All as parent committee members. Parent, Elroy Keetso, Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: A Majority of Aye Votes Carried the Motion to accept All interested parents and the student as parent committee members.

The Indian Education/Indian Parent Committee Members are as follows:

Lauren Stewart-Brunelle, At-Large Parent Representative;

Mildred Chiquito, APS Teacher/Counselor Representative;

Jacqueline Platero, Tohajiilee Parent Representative;

Suzanna Tenorio, Pueblo of Zuni Parent Representative;

Wes Corben, At-Large Parent Representative;

Giselle Montoya, Pueblo of Santa Ana Parent Representative;

Shamenika Nelson, Tohajiilee/Navajo Parent Representative;

Alexis Perea, At-Large Parent Representative;

Jered Lee, At-Large Parent Representative;

Tehya Barber, High School Student Representative.

The Nominations for Officers of the Indian Education/Indian Parent Committee then commenced.

Giselle Montoya nominates herself for any of the officer positions.

Shamenika Nelson nominates herself for the office of Vice-Chairperson, and Nominates Suzanna Tenorio for the office of Chairperson.

Suzanna Tenorio Accepts the Nomination.

Lauren Stewart-Brunelle Nominates herself for the office of Chairperson.

Wes Corben Nominates himself for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

Jacqueline Platero asks if there are no other nominations, can there be a Motion to Close the Nominations?

Alexis Perea Nominates herself for the office of Secretary.

There is a Nomination for Jacqueline Platero for the office of Secretary. Jacqueline Platero Declines the Nomination.

Parent, Mila Padilla. Nominates Suzanna Tenorio for the office of Secretary via the Chat Box.

Parent, Elroy Keetso, Motions to Close the Nominations. Parent, Stacy Vicenti, Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: A Majority Vote of Ayes Carries the Motion to Close the Nominations.

Those parents still in attendance were asked to cast their votes for Chairperson first.

The Results of the Chairperson Vote is as follows:

Giselle Montoya received 9 votes;

Lauren Stewart-Brunelle received 6 votes;

Suzanna Tenorio received 5 votes.

Giselle Montoya is the Chairperson of the Indian Education/Indian Parent Committee.

Parents in attendance were asked to cast their votes for Vice-Chairperson.

The Results of the Vice-Chairperson Vote is as follows:

Wes Corben received 12 votes;

Shamenika Nelson received 3 votes.

Wes Corben is the Vice-Chairperson of the Indian Education/Indian Parent Committee.

There was a Nomination for Suzanna Tenorio for the office of Secretary.

The Chairperson stated the Nominations process has closed.

Since Alexis Perea is the only candidate for the office of Secretary, Alexis Perea is the Secretary of the Indian Education/Indian Parent Committee.

The Officers of the Indian Education/Indian Parent Committee are as follows:

Chairperson – Giselle Montoya;

Vice-Chairperson – Wes Corben;

Secretary – Alexis Perea.

All the new officers thanked everyone for their attendance and are looking Forward to working together serving the Native American students and families.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 2. Approval of JOM and Title VI Bylaws.

The APS Teacher/Counselor Representative Motions to Table the remaining Agenda items. The Pueblo of Zuni Parent Representative Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: The Motion to Table the remaining Agenda items is Carried by a Majority of Aye Votes.

The Senior Director of the Indian Education Department, the APS Teacher/Counselor Representative, and the At-Large Parent Representative (LSB) all congratulated the new members and new officers.

The Chairperson notes the next parent meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020. She asks if all committee members are in agreement, to please respond with a verbal Yes or a Yes in the Chat Box. The next parent meeting will be November 19, 2020. Information will be sent out as that date nears.

The Chairperson asks for a Motion to Adjourn. The Tohajiilee Parent Representative Motions to Adjourn the meeting. The Teacher/Counselor Representative Seconds the Motion.

Action Taken: The Motion to Adjourn is carried by a Majority of Aye Votes.

Meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

IPC Chairperson/Pueblo of Santa Ana Parent Representative,

Giselle Montoya \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

IPC Vice-Chairperson/At-Large Parent Representative

Wes Corben \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

IPC Secretary/At-Large Parent Representative,

Alexis Perea \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

IPC APS Teacher/Counselor Representative,

Mildred Chiquito \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

IPC At-Large Parent Representative,

Lauren Stewart-Brunelle \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

IPC At-Large Parent Representative,

Jered Lee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

IPC Pueblo of Zuni Parent Representative,

Suzanna Tenorio \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

IPC Tohajiilee Parent Representative,

Jacqueline Platero \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

IPC Navajo Parent Representative,

Shamenika Nelson \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

IPC High School Student Representative,

Tehya Barber \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/19/20

