

Minutes from Indian Education Committee Meeting held November 15, 2017 in the Camp Verde Elementary Art Room.

The meeting began with introductions and welcoming. There was one CVUSD staff member, 1 parent of Native American students and 2 JOM staff. The parent explained that she was in support of the Indian Education programming and JOM because she had a very positive experience as a student. She was given the opportunity to participate in the Unity conference through her high school in Maricopa.

Ms. Witt explained that the Indian Education Committee is a format for parents to learn more about the educational programs at CVUSD, ask questions and give their input. Information was also given on the new district effort to place more information onto the District website to make it available to all. There is a new page for Indian Education under District Federal programs. It has information on the Indian Education Committee including agendas and minutes. The parent information page includes: grant information, parent survey forms, Indian Policies and Procedures and more to be developed.

Grant season is approaching for the Indian Education Grants – Title VI and Impact Aid. Title VI Part I is to open in December. During this phase of the grant, we correlate the 506 forms that have been gathered at registration and submit a student count as part of the grant. Part II will be developing the plan and budget for school year 2018-2019 school year. Impact Aid grant will be opening in January. For this grant the Impact Aid Survey forms are used to produce student counts. The list of students is verified by a tribal official, CVUSD District Superintendent, Director of ESS, and Yavapai County Treasurer. The most challenging portion of this grant is the approval of the Indian Policies and procedures by the US Department of Education.

Parent Survey Results were provided. One hundred and eighty seven surveys were mailed home. Five results were returned to the school. The CVUSD Administrative Team met and reviewed each of the surveys. After discussion, it was agreed to focus on a consistent request from parents to receive more information about educational programming. Principals have been asked to begin gathering a summary of the curriculum at each school site to be placed on the District website. A formal letter has been written in response to these concerns and sent to the Yavapai Apache Nation Chairwoman and Council.

Participation data was presented on participation of sports teams and Friday programs from each site. Please see the handout for this data. Winter teams had not yet been determined. A request has been sent to the high school to provide data on the participation in campus clubs and will be presented at a future meeting

Current draft of Indian Policies and procedures was presented for discussion. There was no discussion. IPPs have been submitted to US Department of Education for review.

Comments and recommendations: Continue to investigate the best time for parents to attend these committee meetings. Committee has tried meeting at the district and YAN Council Chambers. Meeting times that have been tried are 3:00, 12:00 and 5:00. Still not sure what is best.