

Title VI Parent Committee Meeting Minutes

2-22-23

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm, in the school library. Those in attendance were Candice Shagonabe, Jill McLeod, Leanne Cason, Kwi Hitchins

Currently, we have 227 total students in the building, of those we have 78 Native American students, with 72 signed 506 forms. Of the six missing 506 forms, four are from the same family. Ms. Shagonabe will continue reaching out to parents to try and get forms completed.

Ms. Shagonabe has been leading the after-school program. This operates Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday until 4:30. The possibility of bus transportation home is being discussed, and hope to have an answer soon on this. Currently, we have one high school student, one middle school student and elementary has been sporadic due to holidays, sports and drama programs. A reminder will be sent out to elementary parents about the program.

Youth Development Fund is \$150 applications are available from Ms. Shagonabe or on the Sault Tribe website. There are income limits, which two parents objected to. Some families really could use the help but their income exceeds the limits, they feel it is unfair to students who participate in a lot of extra curricular activities. Ms. Shagonabe will contact our local representative to see what can be done about this.

Interest has been expressed from a student eager to start a tribal youth council. Ms. Shagonabe has reached out to the tribal youth coordinator Kara Windsor, and she has all of the bylaws and accreditation and said she is working on starting something up. Ms. Shagonabe states that she will work with Ms. Windsor on trying to incorporate this in the school.

We have had one cultural day in September, where "Orange Shirt Day was" celebrated by students from elementary to high school wearing orange, in honor of Native American's who were forced in to boarding schools. Ms. Shagonabe states she is trying to get a speaker to come and talk to students before the end of the school year about the return of Father Marquette's remains to St. Ignace. There is a video "The Return" documenting the special ceremonies observed in moving his remains and the significance of having his remains brought home. Local tribal elders participated in this during the summer of 2022. She would like the short video shown to students and then have one of the elders speak afterwards. She is still working on making contact with someone to possibly schedule.

Part 1 of the EASIE 2023-2024 grant is due March 12, this has been completed by Ms. Shagonabe and sent to Mr. Lohff for submission.

Next Meeting scheduled for March 22nd at 5pm. Those in attendance agreed on time and day.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm