

Nevada Indian Commission
Education Advisory Committee for Native American & Alaska Natives
November 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Main site: Western Nevada College, 2201 West College Parkway, Carson City, NV
Videoconference sites: Fallon, NV; Owyhee, NV; Las Vegas, NV; McDermitt, NV; Reno, NV

Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Denise M. Becker, Administrative Assistant III, Nevada Indian Commission; Lori Pasqua, Pre-College Advisor, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California; Rob Borges, Education Director, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California; Della Frank, Project Facilitator, Moapa Educational Support Center, Clark County School District.

- I. Invocation
 - A. No invocation was given at the meeting.

- II. Welcome and Introductions
 - A. Lori Pasqua called the meeting to order at 9:54am and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

- III. Initial Public Comment
 - A. There were no initial public comments made at the meeting.

- IV. For Possible Action: Approval of September 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes
 - A. The September 21, 2015 minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

- V. For Possible Action: Additional Discussion on Merging the Tribal Early Childhood Advisory Committee with the Indian Education Advisory Committee
 - A. The discussion on merging the Tribal Early Childhood Advisory Committee and the Indian Education Advisory Committee was tabled to the next meeting.

- VI. Update on Nevada Indian Education Strategic Plan Revision
 - A. Sherry briefly explained that the IEAC Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting regularly and the next strategic planning meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2015 from 1-4pm at the Nevada Indian Commission.

- VII. Update on Attendance at 2015 National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Convention and Discussion on Planning for 2016 NIEA to be Held in Reno, NV
 - A. Sherry said the 2015 NIEA Convention was held October 14-17, 2015 in Portland, Oregon.
 - B. Sherry shared that dates have been confirmed for the 2016 NIEA Conference in Reno, NV. The 2016 NIEA dates are October 5-8, 2016 in Reno, Nevada.

- VIII. Committee Member Comments and Announcements
 - A. There were no committee member comments and announcements made at the meeting.

IX. Indian Education Updates

A. Nevada Department of Education – Fredina Drye-Romero, Education Programs Professional – Indian Education

1. Fredina Drye-Romero from the Nevada Department of Education was unable to attend the meeting.

B. Tribal Education Programs

1. Rob Borges from the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California reported that he presented at a recent Carson City School Board meeting. Sherry asked how they reacted to the presentation. Rob replied they were very welcoming and seemed unaware of the partnership between the Tribe and the district. At the school board meeting Rob said he was asked what barriers native students face in school. Rob said he replied that living in two worlds (western and tribal) can be difficult for some students, but that his staff helps to bridge the gap. Also, Rob said the Tribe's Education Lead positions are the following individuals: Douglas/Alpine Counties - Roxanne Mossholder and Carson County - Rhonda Roth. These positions oversee the Tribe's staff within the schools. In addition, Rob said the Tribe's Cultural Resource Department is now housed under the Education Department and they are currently working on putting together a Washoe language program within the schools. Rob noted that many of the Tribe's Education Advisors have a Nevada teaching license and language teachers are required to have a certified teacher in the classroom. He is currently looking into the possibility of the Tribe's Education Advisors being able to fill the certified teacher position in the language class. Lastly, Rob noted that he attended the NIEA Convention in Portland, OR and the Tribe's Grants Manager is looking into applying for a State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) Grant for family engagement.
2. Lori Pasqua from the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California reported the Wa Pai Shone cultural program is back and it focuses on the three tribes (Washoe, Shoshone and Paiute). This year it was held October 23rd at CC Meneley Elementary School and included performances by the Washoe Tribal Princesses and the Pyramid Lake Dancers. Lori also shared that September 21-25, 2015 the Tribe hosted a cultural monitor training that was funded through the Washoe Tribal Scholarship Department. The following tribes participated in the training: Washoe Tribe of NV & CA, Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribe, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Elko Band Council. Each participant received a card that certified them as a tribal monitor. Lastly, on September 19th the Tribe held a college fair in Carson City and she and Constance are working on becoming certified strong interest inventory facilitators. With this certification, they will be able to give a test that matches a student's personality to their career interests.
3. Della Frank from the Moapa Educational Support Center reported the Clark County School District's Indian Education Program is no longer housed within the Equity and Diversity Program. Della said she is currently the only employee in Moapa, but

they will be posting job announcements for two new Student Support Advocate positions within the next two weeks. Also, a parliamentary training was recently held for the parent advisory committee and next they will have child advocacy training through the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada. Della said she has trained 100 teachers on tutoring American Indian/Alaska Native students. She shared that currently 70 students are matched with tutors and 26 students are being tutored in Moapa. In addition, peer tutors from high schools are helping by giving stationed reading and sight word tutoring to student's k-2 who struggle with reading. Della said other accomplishments include a presentation at a College Readiness Education Workshop (CREW), responding to requests for presenters for Native American Heritage Month, covering the cost for seniors to take the ACT and SAT and there will be two summer science programs (1 urban and 1 at Moapa). Lastly, for the past three years Community Linkage meetings have been held in different locations where Trustees and the Superintendent answer concerns and questions from parents. This year the location is tentatively set for Snow Mountain, but there may not be enough participation to have it in that location.

- C. County School District Programs
 - 1. County School District Program representatives were not present at the meeting.
- D. Universities and Community Colleges
 - 1. University and Community College representatives were not present at the meeting.
- E. Other Indian Education Programs
 - 1. Representatives from other Indian Education Programs were not present at the meeting.
- X. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - a. Sherry asked Committee members to forward her agenda items for the next meeting.
- XI. For Possible Action: Scheduling and Location of Next Indian Education Advisory Committee Meeting
 - a. The next meeting was scheduled for January 4, 2016.
 - b. Sherry said meeting dates for 2016 have been set and will be posted on the Nevada Indian Commission website at www.nic.nv.gov.
- XII. Final Public Comments
 - a. There were no final public comments made at the meeting.
- XIII. Adjournment
 - a. Della Frank motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rob Borges. Motion carried.
 - b. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33am.