



## **CUBA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS JOHNSON O'MALLEY INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 25, 2020**

**Google Meets Conference Call During COVID-19**

**6:00 pm**

#### **I. Call Meeting to order:**

*IEC President, George Aragon, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.*

##### **a. Welcome Address**

*Welcome address by JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, by introducing guests and turning it over to IEC President, George Aragon.*

##### **b. Approval of agenda**

*IEC President, George Aragon, called for a motion to approve the August agenda. IEC Vice-President, Tina Chavez, seconded the motion. 3 in favor, non opposed, motion carries for agenda approval.*

##### **c. Approval of prior minutes**

*IEC President, George Aragon, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July's meeting. IEC Vice-President, Tina Chavez, seconded the motion. 3 in favor, none opposed, motion carried for approval of prior meeting minutes.*

#### **II. Public Comment:**

*\*Any interested person may submit data, views, or arguments in writing to the IEC members on any school related topic. An individual or representative wishing to give public comment shall register prior participating in public comment. Additionally, when registering for public comment, the speaker shall be required to identify the subject matter of their proposed comment when they register. Speakers are allotted three minutes, or an amount of time otherwise designated by the IEC President at the beginning of the meeting. The IEC president, in his/her sole discretion, may shorten/lengthen the comment period time to ensure that the meeting is efficiently and promptly conducted. All speakers are strongly encouraged to abide by all time-limitations, to avoid personal attacks, to utilize all administrative avenues for complaint resolution before bringing issues to the board, and to avoid identifying students or staff in comments, and to present all comments professionally and respectfully. Persons requiring special assistance or services, such as a sign language interpreter, should call (575)-289-3211 at least three business days before the meeting.*



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*No public comment.*

### **III. Reports**

#### **a. Dr. Karen Sanchez-Griego- CISD Superintendent**

##### **i. Back to school update/ Superintendent report**

*Dr Griego gave a report on the latest back-to-school plans and how CISD personnel are dealing with remote learning. She addressed many concerns brought forth by parents and community members and how CISD is handling those concerns. She talked about the budgets at CISD and how they are being used for COVID relief and to prepare for back to school plans as well as how it is being used for remote learning. This included the CARES act funding. Dr Griego addressed the need for internet connectivity to continue remote learning for our students and how those issues were being addressed. Dr Griego also talked about discussions she has been a part of at the state level and at the Navajo Nation level and how CISD is ensuring they are incorporating those discussions into any future planning they are doing for our students and communities during these times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr Griego also discussed the request from communities to provide remote learning as an option, throughout the semester, and that any further back to school plans will be discussed and decisions will be made depending on the status of COVID-19 in our area as well as public health orders issued by the state of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation.*

#### **b. Ms Amy Romero- CISD Elementary Principal/ Remote Learning Principal**

##### **i. Back to school report/ Remote learning report**

*Ms Romero gave an update on the current status of remote learning at CISD. She reported the status of the number of students and parents who have requested to remain in remote learning thus far as we anticipate those numbers to increase as other schools begin in-person learning throughout the state. Ms Romero stated that she hopes to hear from more parents to respond to surveys and paperwork being sent out to inform CISD if they will be keeping their children in remote learning throughout the year. She reported that CISD staff were very diligent about contacting students who had yet to log-in or check-in with the school and many staff were going on home visits for face-to-face visits with those students and their families. She anticipates that as we progress into the school year a couple weeks longer, things will begin to fall into place and things will become easier for staff and students alike. Ms Romero asked to be placed on the agenda for the September meeting to provide another status report, in hopes that more data and information will be available.*

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **a. JOM Needs Assessment Survey Results**

##### **i. Closing date?**



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*JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, asked IEC members for input on the duration of time the JOM Parent Needs Assessment should stay open, before closing. She informed members about the usual spike in enrollment CISD sometimes sees through Labor Day and suggested the survey remain open through then. IEC members agreed and suggested that it stay open until September 11 but asked for preliminary results at the September meeting.*

### **V. New Business**

#### **a. Introduction of potential new IEC member**

*JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, introduced a participant on the call that was interested in filling the vacant position in the Indian Education Parent Committee. Mrs Kari Toledo announced that she was on the call to get an idea of how the IEC worked and was interested in advancing her application process to join the team.*

### **VI. Announcements:**

#### **a. New WIFI hotspot locations in community**

*JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, announced that several new Wifi hotspot locations had been put up in the communities for our CISD students. She announced the relative locations and that the technology department at CISD was working on getting a map out to the community to show the exact locations of those hotspots.*

### **VII. Next Meeting Date and Location:**

*IEC members decided on their next meeting date and time :Sept 8, 2020 @ 4:30 pm. They decided to host another conference call to respect social distancing orders.*

### **VIII. Adjournment:**

*IEC President, George Aragon, adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.*