



CUBA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS JOHNSON O'MALLEY INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting December 1, 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 6:04 pm.

a. Welcome Address

IEC President, George Aragon, welcomed fellow IEC members and all participants on the line.

b. Approval of agenda

IEC President, George Aragon motioned to approve the agenda for December meeting. IEC Vice-President, Tina Chavez seconded the motion. All in favor: 2, 0 opposed. Motion carried, agenda approved.

c. Approval of prior minutes

IEC President, George Aragon motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting in September 2020. IEC Vice-President, Tina Chavez, seconded the motion. All in favor: 2, 0 opposed. Motion carried, minutes approved.

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. Chastity Gordo- Elementary Navajo Teacher

i. Update/progress of classes and remote learning

Ms Gordo shared that she is more successful with her zoom classes now, as it was a learning experience for her and her students. In addition, she shared that she is utilizing techniques she learned from colleagues during DODE/OSCAD meetings held virtually from their Window Rock offices, in which schools across the Navajo Nation attend. She shared that she makes videos of her speaking Navajo and sharing the assignments for her students and it seems to be helping as she has seen an improvement on their learning and she has seen that they are learning more. She intends to continue incorporating new and different techniques to ensure that her students are getting the maximum benefit.

b. Matilda Lee- High School Navajo Teacher

i. Update/progress of classes and remote learning

Mrs Lee shared that she was overwhelmed at the onset of the semester as students were failing to communicate with her and she was having difficulty reaching out to them to get them their assignments. She shared that since jetpacks were given to students, communication had drastically improved and grades were improving as well. Mrs Lee shared that she also was getting more creative with her zoom classroom, now that more of her students were able to log on. She hopes to see her students continue to grow in remote learning, as she feels she also has learned a lot and grown through this process. She thanked Dr Williams for his commitment and support to her and her colleagues at the high school, as they navigate through remote learning.

c. Dr. Karen Sanchez-Griego- CISD Superintendent

i. School update and remote learning updates

ii. Future outlook for CISD and remote learning

Dr Griego discussed the re-entry plan, discussing each phase and what that meant for staff and students. She discussed the number of students/staff that would be required in groups at a time, and what each phase meant for the number of individuals allowed on campus. She announced that the school board approved to extend remote learning for the first nine weeks of the second semester. She also discussed the different funding sources and how they were being spent during these times of COVID relief and safety precautions required by the state of New Mexico before students could be brought back on campus. Lastly, she discussed the progress of the Yazzie/Martinez vs. the State of New Mexico and how things had been put on hold due to COVID, but things were slowly beginning to pick back up as they had had their first equity



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council meeting for CISD. She then asked Dr. Navarrete to briefly speak about the Appleseed program.

Dr Donna Navarrete discussed the Appleseed grant from Los Alamos National Laboratories and how it was used to assist those students who identified as “homeless.” It required students to tutor in math and reading and receive a stipend of \$750/month in exchange. She mentioned that they had seen incredible success and had reached out to all families except one, who they had intended to recruit for the program.

Ms Lavern Wagner also spoke on behalf of the Middle School Navajo class, as she had not responded to the original request and was not placed on the agenda. However, she is assisting Ms Chastity Barragan in teaching MS Navajo Language as she develops the lessons and Ms Barragan provides instruction. She also mentioned that grades and attendance had improved since jetpacks had been issued to students. She stated that they are heavily relying on technology to use Google Classroom and Zoom to practice pronunciations and use repetition, methods commonly used and proven to be successful in learning new languages.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- a. Discuss JOM monies
 - i. Unexpended funds

Indian Education Director, Raphaelita Phillips, informed how JOM monies were being utilized, including the unexpended funds. She informed members that not only was some funding used for the expense of the jetpacks, but they were also being used for classroom supplies that were being sent to student’s homes by teachers, as well as for computer repairs for those students who could not afford to have their computers repaired and did not have access to online platforms that teachers are using.

VI. Announcements:

- a. Official new member of JOM committee: Welcome Mrs Toledo

Indian Education Director, Raphaelita Phillips announced that all paperwork had been approved for Mrs Toledo and she was now officially the newest member of the CISD JOM Indian Education Parent Committee.

VII. Next Meeting Date and Location:

January 5 @ 4:30 pm. Virtual meeting (Google Meets).



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VIII. Adjournment:

IEC President, George Aragon adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.