November Native American Parent Committee Meeting
November 18, 2024

Meeting called to order 5:18

Attendance: Katrina Wallenstein
Perry Wallenstein
Dustina Gill
Katlyn Torgenson
Denise Pikarski
Brenda Reed

Reading of Minutes: October 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Superintendent Report
Bi-Weekly Newsletter was shared with the committee via email. Many resources were shared on the newsletter.

Indian Aid Application: The Indian Aid application was reviewed and approved. It will go in front of the school board for approval and will be submitted to the state. Questions on the stipulations for the positions required. The requirements for the funding doesn't seem to be enough to sufficiently meet the needs of the requirements. There have been inquiries for the positions, but they are not qualified to meet the requirements such as teaching certification. There are Dakota speakers who are fluent and work in different educational institutions as consultants, but are not MN certified. The statue requirements feel more of a one size fits all approach rather than identifying the different local resources that can meet the different needs for each school. The one test is not a well representation of the students scores because they do so well academically outside of the test.

Motion by Dustina to approve the American Indian Aid Application 2024-2025.
2nd by Katlyn, Question by Katrina 4-0 MVC.

American Indian Education Coordinator Update:

Heritage Celebration Week/Month Review:
Discussion of the resources on the newsletter discussion of more school-wide read books
Overall it was a nice week of school-wide activities for the students. A high number of students participated in all of the weekly culturally themed activities. The round dance on the last day had mixed results of wanting it to be longer, and broken into different classes due to the size of all

the students in the gym. Discussion of how to bring in the cultural presenters as consultants rather than one full time or part time position when we have so many different cultural resources that meet the different needs.

Liaison Job Description
What does this position all entail? What are the goals of the position for the students and the staff? Is it more for attendance, tardies, classroom management? What are the goals of this position? What are other school districts doing with this position? Discussion is ongoing as the JD is being revised. Noone has applied as of yet.

JOM -
No permanent applications yet, former JOM coordinator Robyn who was temporary is no longer driving. Many students are no longer staying after for targeted due to no ride after school.

Tribal Education Department- Dr Sherry Johnson- Education Director not present at meeting.

Next Meeting: December 9th, 2024 in the school library. ZOOM ID number is 6052372180

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55