



CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chairman Cory Spotted Bear called the meeting to order at 11:30AM.

PRAYER:

Prayer by Wayne Fox

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Fred Fox, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- January 13th, 2017 Education Committee minutes.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the January 13th 2017 Education Committee minutes. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion with corrections. Vote: 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Head Start Program - Kelly Bradfield

Kelly Bradfield presented the monthly Head Start Report. Successful Parent Policy meeting and parent initiatives & involvement, Health Advisory meetings. Activities included weekly head checks, trainings from Elbowoods, USDA monitoring on March 1st. We will have make up days, will be done with the school year the 3rd week of May. New performance services, 7 hour days for the kids which will provide more of an academic based service. Just received their continuing find letter from the government. Noted that the Program is funded for the next year with Federal and Tribal funding. A couple parents are working on their CDL and will be seeking funding for this.

B. All MHA Language Departments

Item deferred.

C. Higher Education Program - Martha Hunter



Martha Hunter provided an oral report. I used to go to the schools and meet with the graduating seniors and take forms for them to fill out. We can correspond with them to assist them with graduating and college prep. We are still sending out Higher Education checks for students, the checks void in 60 days, this is a concern. We have the ladies in finance separate federal and Tribal. The checks come back with mistakes at least half of all the checks. They are given a spreadsheet to work from. I spoke to Whitney Bell about this issue. In the contract the checks have to be made out to the students, finance made them out to the college. Councilman Fox asked how much does Higher Education give out? Our freshmen receive \$5,000 for the year, each year 1,000 more. Total per semester, we use half of our funding, maybe \$300,000 – \$400,000. We are operating on just over 1 million dollars (½ Federal and ½ Tribal). I don't count students, I count awards, it looks better. We are helping close to 300 students. Last year we had 40 students with 4 year degrees. After all the under grads are taken care of we do the grads. The only students we can't help are the ones who apply late in the semester. If the student is put on probation or suspension, it's due to F's or don't receive transcripts. Councilwoman Mayer wants to know the statistics on where the students are going after graduating. This is key and instrumental. Councilwoman Mayer states I am a Helen Gough Scholarship recipient and we owe a great deal of appreciation for her helping our people and should honor her. Ed Hall, Councilman Spotted Bear and the Director will meet next Monday to put together a presentation for Tribal Business Council.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward Helen Gough Honoring to March 8th/9th Tribal Business Council meeting. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

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D. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College – Dr. Twyla Baker-Demaray

Phillip Lewis, Connie Frankenberry and Kerry Hartman gave report concerning funding report. Discussion of grants and downsizing of budgets. For our FY 2018 it will show a deficit, we will need \$2.3 million. Dr. Baker-Demaray will soon have a grant writing office. A Wellness Center is a developing long term goal with planning and feasibility studies. Graduation set for May 12th.

FTR: Councilman Randy Phelan joined the meeting.

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E. GED Department - Betty Lockwood

Dr. Kerry Hartman and Betty said all the GED centers in the state are being combined. The State's 16 GED centers are down to 5 now. Minot State University might remain open. We are operating with about 30 students in the segments. We operate off of BIE \$37,000 and state funding \$50,000, the college assists with about



\$40,000. Councilwoman Mayer expressed interest in data on how many are not graduating.

F. MHA Education Advocate - Francine White (2)
Item deferred

G. Elementary/High School Programs

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1) New Town - Marc Bluestone

Dan Anderson gave Marc's report. 972 students with 89% being Native American. 37 High school graduates, 65 - 8th grade graduates. Councilman Phelan asked what are you doing for Native American programs? We have sent teachers to trainings; they are teaching language class which is an elective class. In elementary the language class is mandatory.

2) Twin Buttes - Sandy Starr
Item deferred.

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3) White Shield - Wayne Fox

In December we were visited by DPI. 2.2 Grant (not sure name of grant) helps us with long term goals (High School side). 1.3 on the elementary side. Every student in White Shield have laptops, which can be checked out daily, we also have books. Where are you at with the no child left behind? we have a program to assist with this (SIG Grant?). High School Enrollment 56, elementary enrollment 100. We have 6 graduates this year. Construction of the new School should be done by the end of the year.

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4) Mandaree - Carolyn Bluestone

Superintendent search under way and teacher interviews. 5 solid graduates. 14 - 8th graders. There will be an Advanced Education visit, but we use the Native Star evaluation. We have to change over to Advanced Education evaluation. I would like to present to continue to use Native Star evaluation.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to start using the Advanced Education School Improvement Process. Councilman Randy Phelan seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0-0. Motion carried.

5) Parshall - Beth Schwarz
Item deferred.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

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A. MHA Learn & Lead Program Funding Issue – Laurel Deegan Fricke



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The Committee asked her to meet with Al Nygard and Caleb Dogeagle to discuss the \$94,000 budget deficient that she is claiming. Caleb Dogeagle expressed the Tribes assessment is that the Tribes actually overpaid the contract. Councilman Phelan wants a full report on how she is spending the money.

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B. MHA Language Project Update – Zac Moilanen the Language Conservancy
Item deferred.

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C. High School Education Trip – Bronson Flynn

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward approval \$2,500 for the school trip. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0-0. Motion carried.

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D. Education Assistance – Arian Tiger

Richard Hall presented request for Arian Tiger for assistance to pay for her babysitters. The 477 Program will not assist because her children aren't enrolled at this time but could if pending at the Enrollment Office. Completed a DNA test that shows the children are 1/8th. The Committee noted that they can't do anything either if they are not enrolled.

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E. Education Assistance – Alice and Arrow “Niisu” Wilkinson Jr.

Request will be run through the Grants and Donations Office.

F. Student Loan – Roberta Krueger

Item deferred.

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G. Follow Up on Federal Advocacy – Ryan Wilson

March 15th meeting with the Trump Administration Chaired by the North Dakota Senator and is pushing for the Tribe to advocate the Tribe to attend as an investment in the Tribe's political capital with the 7 point plan put forces by the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association. Would not be able to present at the next Council meeting is asking for a Council person to present his resolution for him that seek to prioritize Indian Education in the budget Federal cuts. Councilman Fred Fox will present.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward to the March 8th/9th Tribal Business Council meeting. Councilman Randy Phelan seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0-0. Motion carried.



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H. MHA History Initiative – Dr. Monica Mayer

The Initiative originally started by the late Chairwoman Alyce Spotted Bear for training and curriculum development at schools in the areas of Tribal government. Presented a *Letter of Intent* to push the program forward. Councilman Randy Phelan informed the Committee that other models have been presented in the past and should also be considered.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to the March 8th/9th Tribal Business Council. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 2-0-2-0. (RP,CSB-Abstained) Motion carried.

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I. Construction Management Services Agreement

Construction Management Agreement for Graham Construction Services to resume construction management on the White Shield School construction. The company is fully bonded and the School Board has already approved the contract.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward agreement to the March 8th/9th Tribal Business Council subject to agreement and resolution. Councilman Randy Phelan seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0-0. Motion carried.

Discussion: Will also bring a reviewed resolution and agreement to the meeting.

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J. Twin Buttes Close-Up

Councilman Fred Fox noted that White Shield provided \$500 each. The group is seeking \$2,231/student.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to approve Grants and Donations to assist with the trip for 50% not to exceed \$1,250 per student as per policy. Councilman Randy Phelan seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0-0. Motion carried.

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VIII. CLOSED SESSION:

A. MHA Education Department – Acting Director Prairie Rose Chapin

- **Education Department Budget**

IX. ADJOURNMENT



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Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved adjourn the meeting. Councilman Randy Phelan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:50PM





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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council 's Education Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Education Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Education Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 23rd day of February, 2017; that the foregoing Minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 3 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 Members not voting.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Spotted Bear', written over a horizontal line.

Education Committee Chairman,
Councilman Cory Spotted Bear
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Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
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