



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Cory Spotted Bear called the meeting to order at 10:40AM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Mervin Packineau, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

• **March 8th, 2019 Education Committee minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the March 8th, 2019 minutes with corrections. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Elementary/High School Programs

1) New Town - Marc Bluestone

May 26th graduation day with an anticipated 60 graduates. Working on hiring staff at end of the year due to the higher graduation rate. Continuation of the "Back Pack" program. Commutation Service Provider dinner, Police, Ambulance, fire departments will be recognized. Prom is May 11th. Annual Health Day event on the football field. May 31th Orlando Senior Class trip. Construction on the elementary school is in the works. The middle school is in the process of being built, still working on the plans. Currently there are 550 K-5 students. A basketball court will be built by the Northern Lights building, North Segment will be giving basketballs out for all students. Partnership with Headstart Program and working with the Transition Coordinator. Headstart student are being brought over to the elementary school for transition. Grant provides for a worker.

2) Twin Buttes

Item deferred.

3) White Shield - Wayne Fox, Superintendent

Item deferred.

4) Mandaree – Ann Longie, Superintendent

Item deferred.



- 5) **Parshall** - *Beth Schwarz, Superintendent*
Item deferred.

B. MHA Education Department – *Dr. Ruth Swaney, Director*

No action items. Currently advertising the Community Schools Site Coordinator position. Activities included; March MHA Women's History Monthly Highlights: We highlighted 28 MHA women ; Culture & Language Division representatives participated in Hidatsa Summit in Mandaree March 9th & 10th ; Participated in March Education Committee meeting ; Hosted Team Education meeting March 12th ; Participated in the NHSC CTE Advisory Board meeting March 12th ; Culture & Language Division representatives participated in Hidatsa Language Committee meeting at NHSC March 19th ; Tribal Education Department representatives participated in Hidatsa Language Committee meeting in Mandaree March 26th ; Department of Justice CTAS Grant Proposal submission: \$400,000 ; Sewing activity in Parshall School (April 1st - 5th) ; Hidatsa Language Committee Meeting at Johnny Bird Building (April 3rd) ; Team Education (April 9th) ; Hidatsa Language Committee Meeting in Mandaree Elders' Meal Site (April 10th) ; Culture & Language Knowledge Showcase in Twin Buttes (April 11th) ; Great Plains Tribal Education Department Director's meeting in Fort Yates (April 15th) ; MHA Youth Leaders will be participating in Indigenous Peoples - 18th session of the UN ; Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York City (April 22nd) ; CIS Training/Meeting in Bismarck (April 23rd & 24th) ; Hidatsa Team visiting Selis & Qlispe Language Programs in St. Ignatius, MT (April 23rd-25th) ; Ribbon bag sewing activity in Twin Buttes School (April 24th) ; Horse mask making class co-sponsored with NHSC (April 27th) Would like feedback on an organization with Casey Family program administrator. Strategic planning, does the committee want the Education department to continue with this? Committee would like to continue working on what Collette started on Education Service Building. Councilwoman Monica Mayer suggested the need to have a special work session on the education center. Would like to see all the language programs fall under the Language Committee. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear and Councilwoman Monica Mayer would be on board to meet every two weeks. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear commended the Director for getting a lot done in such a short time. Harry Sitting Bear will be having a class on sign language. 2 MHA students have been invited to the United Nations to speak. Total students: 1116 ; Percent TAT enrolled: 76%.

- 1) **MHA Education Advocate** – *Royce Young Wolf Freeman*
Item deferred.
- 2) **MHA Education Pathways**
Item deferred.
- 3) **All MHA Language Departments**



Hidatsa:
Arikara:
Mandan (Nueta):
Items deferred.

C. Head Start Program – Kelly Bradfield, Director
Item deferred.

D. Infant and Toddler Program – Kim Dickins, Director
Item deferred.

E. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College – Twyla Baker, President
Graduation coming up at the event center May 18. Working on staff and student forums to build the college up more. Going to have a budget meeting before TBC. Councilwoman Monica Mayer wants to know why student enrollment is dropping and not going up. Need to improve College programs to help the needs of the community. What are you implementing? Twyla needs to explain when she reports to the Tribal Business Council.

FTR: *Councilman Mervin Packineau arrived to the meeting at 11:39AM.*

1) GED Department – Betty Lockwood, Director
Item deferred.

F. Higher Education Program – Martha Hunter, Director
Report submitted.

G. 477 Program – Jerome Dancing Bull, Director
Presented an updated listing of students funding through the 477 program from UTTC & NHSC. Also presented listing of reservation day care providers. Students will get \$1,000 at mid-terms. May 13th going to have a luncheon to figure out what we need such as lawn mowers etc. for Daycare centers. High school students that graduate will get a \$200 incentive. Doesn't cover graduates from Bismarck area.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Developing Training Curriculum for Tribal Members – Ed Hall
Educating Tribal members on MHA politics. We need to be prepared for the future regarding the federal government. We need a strong tribal government, we need to be a strong sovereign nation. Been working on this for several years back. Committee request a copy of the jump drive Ed Hall presented on the Constitution. Tribal Trust and Federal Trust, Long ago the Cherokee tried it. In the process writing a cemetery code, there were 10 cemeteries moved. We need to fix our Constitution to protect our culture. Would like to have a board of directors. The High school would like to work with Ed Hall.



B. ND Council of the Arts/Grant Request – *Troyd Geist*

Would like to build an exhibit. Will have 25 sections, of geographical sites. Working on the stories that go along with the historical sites. Will have video interviews along with images of the sites. A book with images cell phone compatible. Requesting \$91,000 for exhibit.

On the Edge of the Wind: Sacred Land, Mythic Tales is an exhibit that seeks to honor, elevate, and deepen the understanding of and respect for the land and for the American Indian cultural and spiritual connections to it. The exhibit has three primary components; 1) large photographs of geographic features considered wakan, sacred or powerful, 2) audio and video of heart-felt stories and beliefs, told by traditionalists and storytellers, related to those specific places, and 3) experiential components inspired by the land and associated cultural beliefs. Over the last eight years, guided by consultations with traditionalists and renowned storytellers representing each of North Dakota's American Indian Reservations, the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) has conducted and developed fieldwork, interviews, photography, audio recordings, video recordings, artwork, and explored experiential components for this exhibit. It is the agency's largest and most complex exhibit in decades. There are four phases of the exhibit: 1) display at the largest exhibit space, the Governor's Gallery, at the North Dakota Heritage Center/State Historical Society of North Dakota from 2020-2022, 2) explore the possibility of exhibiting at the Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC and/or internationally after 2022, 3) divide, after the larger venues are done, the exhibit into four smaller exhibits suitable for touring to smaller communities within our state, and 4) divide the exhibit images, audio, and video materials according to tribal affiliation and provide them to the corresponding reservation for display on permanent loan basis. We have completed much of the work mentioned herein. Yet, we need and humbly request your help in bringing the exhibit to full completion for the first phase of the exhibit, its' display at the Heritage Center in Bismarck, ND. The major efforts and costs yet to be covered include such things as; 1) the purchase of touchscreen monitors for audio, video, photographic, and text content, 2) various experiential components, 3) exhibit construction such as stands for touchscreen monitors, displays for traditional artwork, etc., 4) an exhibit book, and 5) miscellaneous materials. Thus, the North Dakota Council on the Arts requests of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation \$91,000 to complete the primary phase of On the Edge of the Wind: Sacred Land, Mythic Tales. A detailed budget as well as photo, video, and audio support material can be provided, if you wish to explore financial support for this exciting and important effort.



Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward request to May TBC. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.

Discussion: When presenting to the TBC bring information on how many and what amounts other tribes are contributing.

C. Educational Assistance Minot State University – Dillon M. Bercier

The committee was reminded of an open enrollment issue and this request for assistance would need to be resolved before proceeding.

D. Budget Request/Hidatsa Language Nest – Nora Packineau

Item deferred.

E. Takawitha Conference/Message Therapy for Elders – Marilyn Youngbird

Item deferred.

F. Transition Academy – Mary Baker

Mary works for the Education Department and was chosen to work under a cohort. Requesting is \$200 per person and mileage for the college students. Also a match with the \$5,000.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:20PM.



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 13th day of May, 2019; 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 13th day of May, 2019.

ATTEST:

Education Committee Chairman,
Councilman Cory Spotted Bear
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes