

**Office of Indian Education
Indian Education Advisory Council Meeting
First Quarterly Meeting**

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Arizona Department of Education

Minutes

Present:

- **Members:** Lemual Adson, Judy Basham, Theresa Buchanan, Sheila Cepress, Kimberly Daingkau-Begay, Vikki Driving Hawk, Denise Estudillo, Dulce Garcia, Bethaney Hale, Lawrence Jackson, Jr., Debbie Manuel, Brad Pico, Adrienne Razo, Isaac Salcido, Ron Stiffarm, Winona Thirion, Philbert Watahomigie, Sr., Lynnann Yazzie, and Nadine Groenig.
- **Proxies:** Annabell Bowen (for Jacob Moore), Jennifer Enriquez (for Edna Morris), Darlene McCauley (with Denise Estudillo), and Beth Proppre (with Vikki Driving Hawk).
- **Guest:** Sheilah Nicholas, University of Arizona

Absent: Timothy Benally, Christine Carlson, Jagdish Sharma, Gwen Todacheene

- Meeting called to order by Nadine Groenig at 9:00 a.m.
- IEAC members introduced themselves.
- **Welcome:** Nadine explained that Superintendent Douglas was unable to welcome council members due to illness. A little later, Dan Godzich, Associate Superintendent for Communications, welcomed the IEAC on behalf of Superintendent Douglas.
- **Office of Indian Education (OIE) Report:** Nadine provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding OIE work over the last year.
- Nadine provided a summary of 2016-2017 IEAC accomplishments, asking for continuing members to contribute.
- **Review Top Five Priorities for OIE 5-Year Strategic Plan:** Nadine went through the process the 2016-2017 IEAC members went through to identify possible priorities to be included in the Plan. Next, she explained how the final five priorities were determined. Handouts were provided.
- **Sub-committees:**
 - **Overview of existing sub-committees:** Nadine reviewed sub-committees with input from current sub-committee members:
 - Assessment and Accountability
 - Code Writers Initiative Pilot Program
 - Native American Curriculum – History
 - Tribal Consultation

- Identify new sub-committees: Based on the top five priorities referenced above, the following additional sub-committees were established:
 - Student Advisory Council
 - Funding for Additional OIE Staff
 - Successful Programs for Native American Students (in Arizona and nationwide)
 - Professional Development/Training for Educators (of Native American students)

NOTE: An additional priority (Native American curricula and program evaluation) was absorbed into the existing sub-committee: Native American Curriculum – History.

- Determine sub-committee members:
 - Assessment and Accountability:
 - Adrienne Razo
 - Lemual Adson
 - Bethaney Hale
 - Ron Stiffarm
 - Winona Thirion
 - Code Writers Initiative Pilot Program
 - Pending additional funding/application process
 - Funding for Additional OIE Staff
 - Larry Jackson
 - Dulce Garcia
 - Vikki Driving Hawk
 - Lemual Adson
 - Edna Morris
 - Native American Curriculum – History
 - Debbie Manuel
 - Kimberly Daingkau-Begay
 - Denise Estudillo
 - Jagdish Sharma
 - Annabell Bowen
 - Professional Development/Training for Educators
 - Dulce Garcia
 - Judy Basham
 - Sheilah Nicholas (members agreed on participation)
 - Ron Stiffarm
 - Annabell Bowen
 - Student Advisory Council
 - Debbie Manuel
 - Lynnann Yazzie
 - Winona Thirion
 - Sheila Cepress
 - Kimberly Daingkau-Begay
 - Denise Estudillo
 - Successful Programs for Native American Students
 - Theresa Buchanan
 - Judy Basham

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- Vikki Driving Hawk
- Denise Estudillo
- Ron Stiffarm
- Annabell Bowen
- Tribal Consultation
 - Bethaney Hale
 - Philbert Watahomigie
 - Kimberly Daingkau-Begay
 - Isaac Salcido

NOTE: Upon receipt of these minutes, members who had to leave early or were absent from this meeting will notify Nadine on which sub-committee(s) they would like to participate.

Each sub-committee will provide Nadine a schedule of meeting dates. Meetings are to take place between quarterly IEAC meetings with progress reported at the quarterly meetings.

- Choose IEAC Co-Chairs:
 - Debbie Manuel and Winona Thirion were unanimously approved as the 2017-2018 IEAC co-chairpersons.
- Finalize next meeting dates and locations:
 - December 5, 2017 – Tucson, Amphitheater Unified School District
 - March 6, 2018 – Phoenix, Washington Elementary School District
 - June 19, 2018 – Flagstaff, Native American Cultural Center, NAU (to be confirmed)
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.