

CPS INDIAN EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 27, 2017; 5:30 P.M.
CPS CENTRAL BOARD ROOM
MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Burt & Kitty Medicine Bull, Norma Bixby, Deb Peters, Joanne Schrupp, Susan Sharkey, Bob Lewandowski

The meeting began with introductions. Joanne Schrupp explained the purpose of the meeting was to review the new requirements under ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) for Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP's). All those present had received a packet including the current IPP's and the proposed with options highlighted. The programs specifically impacted by the IPP's for Colstrip Schools are Impact Aid and Title VI but also include Title I-A, Title II-A and JOM.

Discussion about issues concerning Native American students included attendance, substance abuse, educational gaps, and extra-curricular participation. Bob Lewandowski explained the differences between Title VI which is program-driven versus Impact Aid which exists to replace lost property taxes and is a non-budgeted fund. He showed an example of a past presentation to another tribal council demonstrating the breakdown of data collected on Native American students.

Norma Bixby spoke to involvement of the tribal council as addressed in the new policies. She would like to see a presentation to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council on an annual basis of the data collected on Native American students. Kitty Medicine Bull spoke about the correlation of expectations between the two communities, Colstrip and the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.

Discussion about the highlighted sections produced agreement that meeting three times annually for the Parent Advisory Committee was sufficient. Those present thought the months of August, November and March would be good for those meetings. Advertising as stated in the policies was agreeable but those present agreed the District would pursue additional publishing of meetings in Northern Cheyenne newsletters as they are available including, but not limited to, Dull Knife Memorial College, the tribal newsletter and the Lame Deer High School newsletter.

Those present gave a thumbs up to Policies 7231 and 7231P with the understanding they would be on the Colstrip Board of Trustees' December regular meeting agenda for approval.

The next meeting of the Parent Advisory Committee will be in March 2018.