

CPS INDIAN EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARCH 26, 2018; 5:00 P.M.

CPS CENTRAL BOARD ROOM

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Deb Peters, Joanne Schrupp, Susan Sharkey, Bob Lewandowski, JD OldMouse, Amy OldMouse, Berta Conner, Aaron Skogen, Kathy LaDuke, Sable Kerzmann, Amber Means, Jace Killsback, Lorna Soldierwolf, Emily Killsback

Colstrip Schools has been notified by the federal office of Impact Aid that a few minor revisions to their Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP's) are necessary. Clarification is needed in the following areas:

- When and how will the District disseminate the annual August evaluation?
- Should the District provide for an opportunity to provide written comment?
- What is the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's preferred method of communication with CPS to ensure maximum participation?

Other than District (CPS) personnel, this meeting did not have anyone in attendance who had been at the November IEC meeting. Susan Sharkey and Bob Lewandowski explained the IPP's and why a rewrite had been necessary. Copies of the Impact Aid informational packet mailed to parents and tribal leaders in February was available for those in attendance. Jace Killsback, Chairman of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, expressed that the current methods of communication (USPS and in-person contact by Home School Coordinator JD OldMouse) was satisfactory. There was discussion on the method and timing for dissemination of the annual report. CPS suggested two weeks ahead of the IEC August meeting since spring testing results aren't available until summer. Consensus was that two weeks would be satisfactory and that the report should be mailed to parents and the tribe as well as be posted on the District website. CPS will do a mailing to parents of Indian students and tribal officials explaining how to receive automated website updates. The IPP's will now go to the District Policy Review Committee and then to the Board of Trustees for approval before being submitted to Impact Aid for review.

Discussion then centered on other issues of interest to those in attendance regarding educational programs and activities. Items brought forward included: Transportation challenges, curriculum, school culture and snow day make-up.

Pine Butte Principal Aaron Skogen proposed discontinuing the dental sealant program as it conflicted with spring testing. After lengthy discussion Mr. Skogen agreed to contact the program organizers and propose changing the schedule from spring to fall which would also improve the distribution of consent forms.

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