

Mountain Empire Unified School District Title VII

American Indian Education Title VI

May 25, 2023

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: Imperial Valley Desert Museum

11 Frontage Road, Ocotillo, CA 92259

AGENDA

1. Past Order of Business: Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. *Meeting began at: with the review of last agenda and meeting minutes.*
 - b. *In attendance:*
 - i. *Bob Bordelon*
 - ii. *Phil Yoon*
 - iii. *Bill LeBlanc*
 - iv. *Heather Westgard*
 - v. *Cheryl Lugo*
 - vi. *Pat Keeley*
 - vii. *Amy Conforth*
 - viii. *Luis (IVDM)*
 - ix. *Kristin (IVDM)*
 - c. *Motioned by: Cheryl Lugo Second by: Bill LeBlanc*
 - d. *Agenda & minutes approved after all in attendance voted*
2. Meeting Norms: *Norms reviewed by Mr. Bordelon*
 - a. One person speaks at a time.
 - b. Be present and respect time limits.
 - c. Stay on task.
 - d. Respect others and assume positive intent.
3. District Communication:
 - a. Distribution of the Formula Education Grant Funds. INTENT: Academic and/or Cultural enrichment. GOAL: 100% graduation rate of Native Learners.
 - i. *Mr. Bordelon reviewed an email from 5/24 which states the Grant Form was filled out incorrectly. Amy C will review the form.*
 - ii. *Tribal Goal 100% Graduation rate Academics and Cultural Growth*
 - b. This year's allocation estimate: \$45,390/Approximately 175 students. Unless otherwise noted, the Committee recommends that this year's funding be directly submitted to the Bands/Museum in order to provide academic and/or Cultural enrichment. Unless otherwise noted, the funding is per student regardless of Kumeyaay or other tribal affiliations.
 - c. CURRAENT REQUESTS: *Mr. Bordelon: Money is purposeful, we have received 2 proposals so far for IVDM. Made sure everyone received a copy of*

the proposal. He communicated that money must be allocated by June 1st. He will continue to make phone calls to leaders.

1. IVDM: \$5,000 with \$5,000 District match for Museum Classes in District Schools
 - i. *Indigenous Aart Faire: Introduction to Kristin & Luis 1862-1660 pre pandemic*
 2. La Posta Reservation: \$10,000(See attached proposal)
 3. Deadline/Cut-Off for funding requests is June 1.
 4. All applicants for funding require a written proposal prior to distribution.
 - i. *May look at classes to shift focus- Not just on Kumeyaay Center*
 - ii. *Dr Keeley suggests scheduling time to speak with teachers.*
 - iii. *Cheryl Lugo suggests changing out activities to same as last year.*
4. School Communications
- a. Dr Keeley
 - i. *EOY Activities. Close to JH Project. Counselors & the Book Room will move next to the Jr High. Jr High Building looks completely different. Lots of good contractors. The district received a Community Schools grant that totals \$4.2 Mil over the course of 5 years. Mental Health Program will expand Sow to Grow to all school sites. There is a need to Hire a Community Schools Coordinator. We learned that due to a clerical error we received a total of \$4,000 more. Next year the district will be applying to San Ysidro Health, Dental, Counselors, Parent Ed Programs development (PIQUE IS A GREAT MODEL) Costs will be revised (there is need to develop our own program- sustainable program)*
 - ii. *Strategic Vision- Portrait of a Graduate continues, aiming to earn Board Approval at the June 27th meeting. Grants to move the district. Strategic Plan is a long-term plan. 15 years down the road to have a foundation before you can build the house.*
 - b. Mountain Empire High School
 - i. *Participation of Every 15 minutes brought the school together. Bringing traditions back. Emotional hard week.*
 - a) *FFA -EC Fair goat & sheep groups.*
 - b) *Tues. -EL St Coyote for a day concurrent enrollment.*
 - c) *Automotive Shop – Great partnerships w/Cuyamaca model program – EL CDE website*
 - d) *Guest Speaker- MEUSD grand EL Community Activist. Runner Up in School board*
 - e) *Graduation June 16th, with 100 graduates*
 - f) *Jr. High Promotion will take place June 15th.*
 - c. Alternative Education
 - i. *Alt is working with students in 1:1 time to get to know each student, learning each one's attributes. Kids have had a hard time getting the swings of life, otherwise doing great academically. Enrollment is growing and the program is giving them all that it can.*
 - ii. *Bill L. attended San Jose to be a part of a former student's graduation who has an impressive Bio. He shared the positive outcomes for our*

students in Mountain Empire as students in smaller districts, feel noticeable. Many of our graduates are doing amazing things.

d. Pine Valley Middle School & Camp Lockett Middle School

e. Clover Flat Elementary

i. *Three weeks left in school. Completed testing, lots of events happening at the school ex: Promotion, water day.*

ii. *Jacob is asked to support with wood to build murals and beautify the gardens.*

f. Campo Elementary

g. ~~Alternative Education~~ Potrero Elementary

7. Tribal Reservation Communications

a. Campo

i. *Getting ready for Star Gathering Festival. IVDM Hosting a table at the festival.*

ii. *No Bingo*

b. La Posta

i. *La Posta presented their budget. There are plans to build a pool.*

c. Manzanita

i. *Hard year for all leaders. Otherwise, healthy*

8. Imperial Valley Desert Museum Classes/Internship Updates

i. *Founded about 12 yrs. ago or so. Programs has not been successful lately. There is hope to get back to pre-covid numbers of 60+ participants.*

9. THANK YOU! Bob's Expression of gratitude and Exit as Indian Education Facilitator

i. *Bobs words to Heather, Bill. Phil Yoon- Years ago there was a rigorous curriculum that is no longer happening for our Native American Students.*