

# **Poteau School District**

## **Indian Education Parent Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **DATE**

April 19, 2022

### **TIME**

5:50p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Pansy Kidd Middle School Library

### **CALL TO ORDER/RECORD MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT**

Lesley James (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. Members attending were Lesley James (Chairperson) , Jennifer Roberts (Vice Chairperson), Christy Cunningham (Secretary), Tiffany Latham (member). Brooklyn Latham(student member) was excused due to prior student engagement. Guests that were present were Marlana Gutschall, Shiloh Williams, and Bethany Pate.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 21, 2022, minutes were submitted for approval. Jennifer Roberst made a motion to accept the minutes and Leslie James seconded the motion. All approved.

### **Budget Approval**

Bobbi Gillham presented the budget for approval. She stated that according to Brenda Dalton,there is extra money in the budget that has not been used. Some ideas and areas that the money can be used for is to pay two math interventionists, and pay the salary of Julie Marvin, the acting liaison for Indian Education that works hands on with students at each school site. The money can also be used for committee members to attend conferences and professional development, that includes or not limited to culturally sponsored, hands-on cultural activities for students and professionals. Any left over funds can be rolled over into a different category for the 2022-23 school year. This money must be spent by May 30th of each year. As of now, the 2022-23 Title VI Budget Summary has a total of \$150, 641.00 in the budget. Jennifer Roberts made a motion to approve the budget and Tiffany Latham seconded it. All approved.

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Bobbi Gillham, Indian Education Program Director, provided the report. She began by giving information on the Oklahoma Native American Language Fair, which is a competition sponsored by the University of Oklahoma. This year, for the first time, Poteau High School participated in the event with the Choctaw Language I and II students. They participated in several categories and Choctaw II placed first in the Film and Video Category and Choctaw I placed second. Julie Marvin served as their sponsor. The students were recognized by Phillip Lewis, the Director of the School of Choctaw Language and Charles Clark, public relations.

In the future, Bobbi Gillham would like to reach out to the art teachers to compete in the Language Fair in future years.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Julie Marvin and Bobbi Gillham presented to the group that Choctaw II students will visit the new Cultural Center in Durant on Wednesday, April 27th. There was also a recommendation from Jennifer Roberts for a Choctaw prayer to be said at graduation. Bobbi Gillham said she would look into the matter with Joe Ballard, Poteau High School Principal.

## **ADJOURN MEETING**

Lesley James made a motion to adjourn the meeting . Tiffany Latham seconded the motion, and all approved.