



## **CUBA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS JOHNSON O'MALLEY INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting  
January 19, 2022  
Zoom Conference Call  
5:00 pm**

### **I. Call Meeting to order:**

#### a. Welcome Address

*Meeting called to order by IEC President, Carlotta Toledo, at 5:17 p.m. All participants were welcomed.*

#### b. Approval of agenda

*Motion for approval for January agenda called for by IEC President, Carlotta Toledo. Motion made by Jewellyn Yazzie, 3 in favor, 0 opposed, agenda approved.*

#### c. Approval of prior minutes

*Motion for approval of December meeting minutes called for by IEC President, Carlotta Toledo. Motion made by Jewellyn Yazzie, 3 in favor, 0 opposed, minutes approved.*

### **II. Public Comment:**

*\*Any interested person may submit data, views, or arguments in writing to the IEC members on any school related topic. An individual or representative wishing to give public comment shall register prior participating in public comment. Additionally, when registering for public comment, the speaker shall be required to identify the subject matter of their proposed comment when they register. Speakers are allotted three minutes, or an amount of time otherwise designated by the IEC President at the beginning of the meeting. The IEC president, in his/her sole discretion, may shorten/lengthen the comment period time to ensure that the meeting is efficiently and promptly conducted. All speakers are strongly encouraged to abide by all time-limitations, to avoid personal attacks, to utilize all administrative avenues for complaint resolution before bringing issues to the board, and to avoid identifying students or staff in comments, and to present all comments professionally and respectfully. Persons requiring special assistance or services, such as a sign language interpreter, should call (575)-289-3211 at least three business days before the meeting.*

***No public comment.***

### **III. Reports**

#### a. Ms. Chastity Gordo- Elementary Navajo teacher



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*Ms. Gordo reported that she is working on mainly oral activities with her students. Rosetta Stone- Navajo was purchased for her class due to her overwhelming numbers, with 174 total kids and 2-5 new students per week. However, it was not working during the first semester so she is working with her Kindergarten and 1st grade classes to start learning commands on their own. Her main goal is to get all grades to learn their introduction on their own and to explore further into the hands-on activities they started in the first semester with culture and foods.*

**b. Mrs. Chastity Barragan- Middle School Navajo teacher**

*Mrs. Barragan shared her excitement about the blue corn mush project at the Middle School. She explained that she is working with fellow teachers, including our Horticulture teacher, Mr. Sisneros, to discuss the importance of corn in Navajo culture and history, as well as understanding the life cycle of corn and other plants. She hopes to continue working with him through the summer. Mrs. Barragan reports having roughly 100 total students in her classes, ranging from grades 6th to 8th. She also brushed on our current situation of remote learning, stating that it was an excellent opportunity for not only parents, but also grandparents, to attend classes with her students, which she has seen in her classes. She discussed her student's love of a game they developed, based off "Hangman," using a sheep and trying to guess Navajo words before "butchering the sheep." She is hoping to continue working with her students to practice what they learned in the first semester but also introduce winter stories and focus more on Navajo government and encouraging them to attend local chapter meetings.*

**c. Mrs. Matilda Lee- High School Navajo teacher**

*Mrs. Lee reported having students ranging from 8th-12th grade in the various classes that she teaches. With a total of 148 students in Navajo I, Navajo II, Navajo III, and Navajo History & Government. She reports working with other disciplines at the high school, in Project-Based Learning (PBL) projects to collaborate and encourage critical thinking and creativity in her students. She also reported her on-going learning process and support she provides to students in Canvas, as it is a new program for all teachers this year, but it is always harder for Navajo language because of the lack of technological supports in this area. She did inform everyone that one of the major perks is the ability to use media recordings so students can submit recordings of themselves speaking. In the next months, she plans on focusing on more reading, writing, speaking and listening.*



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*She was able to purchase "Her Land, Her Love," textbook and workbooks that she plans on using.*

#### **IV. Old Business**

#### **V. New Business**

##### **a. Indian Policies & Procedures**

##### **i. Discussion & Approval**

*JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, reviewed the changes made to the Indian Policies and Procedures required for submission of the Impact Aid application for FY23. She also reviewed all other parts of the document for those who were unfamiliar with it. No other recommendations for changes were made.*

*IEC President, Carlotta Toledo, called for a motion to approve the IPPs. Jewellyn Yazzie made a motion to approve the IPPs, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carried for approval of IPPS for FY 23.*

#### **VI. Announcements:**

#### **VII. Next Meeting Date and Location:**

*February 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm via Zoom.*

#### **VIII. Adjournment:**

*IEC President, Carlotta Toledo, called the meeting to adjourn at 6:39 pm.*