



CUBA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS JOHNSON O'MALLEY INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Regular Meeting
September 7, 2022
Zoom Conference Call
5:00 pm**

I. Call Meeting to order:

a. Welcome Address

IEC President, Carlotta Toledo, welcomed everyone on the call and called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

b. Approval of agenda

IEC President, Carlotta Toledo, asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Tina Chavez made a motion to approve the agenda, Jewellyn Yazzie seconded the motion. All in favor, 3 with 0 opposed, motion carried. Agenda approved.

c. Approval of prior minutes

IEC President, Carlotta Toledo, asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Tina Chavez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Jewellyn Yazzie seconded the motion. All in favor, 3 with 0 opposed, motion carried. Meeting 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.*



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NO PUBLIC COMMENT

III. Reports

- a. Gilbert Dominguez- Middle School Principal
Mr Dominguez reported that they were seeing constant increases in their numbers, with over 20 new students compared to last school year. He reported that the middle school had to change their schedule to reflect that of the high school because several students and teachers will be shared this school year. He spoke about the increase help in Navajo classes with the added educational assistants (EAs) from the Indigenous Language Program. Mr Dominguez reported that students had completed the Galileo testing for the beginning of year scores. He also reported the sports that the middle school is offering- football, volleyball, and cross country.
- b. Judy Atencio- Elementary School Principal
Elementary School Principal, Judy Atencio reported that they currently had 313 students and they are growing every day. She also reported that they had a number of new teachers including growing the Navajo language program with 3 Navajo teachers. The elementary school also planned on starting a soccer program for grades K-5, they currently had 40 students signed up. Practices would run every Thursday for the next 4 weeks, ending with a tournament. She announced that they will have planned various fall-themed events for the month of October. Mrs Atencio announced that she was in a rush to get to a PAC meeting at 5:30 pm.
- c. Eric Arpelar- High School Principal
Rescheduled to next month.
- d. Raphaelita Phillips- JOM Manager- Summer School Update
JOM Manager reported on the programs that were offered during the summer:
 - ESY- specifically for SPED students to continue life skills training during the summer. Runs in June.
 - UNM-Health Program- offered to high school students interested in careers in healthcare. Collaboration with UNM to discuss various health careers and on-site visits to shadow professionals in the field. Two weeks in June.
 - Indigenous Summer Program- offered to all students with an emphasis on culture and horticulture with some internships offered through the horticulture program. Ran the duration of the summer (June/July).
 - CU Boulder Internship Program- offered to grades 8-12th as part of the Kellogg Foundation grant to study food justice in our community. Students explored the importance of agriculture, food justice, and other



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obstacles in our community and researched ways to improve that. Ran the duration of the month of July.

- K-5+- open to students who would be in K-5 for SY 2022-2023. Allows to reduce learning loss experienced by elementary students during the summer months. Ran throughout the month of July and until the first week of August.

*Question by Jewellyn Yazzie: regarding summer programs, can they be offered at different times so students can be allowed to experience all programs and not have to choose between programs.

- JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, also discussed the Indigenous Language Fellowship in more detail. It is a program for any person(s) who are interested in becoming a Navajo language & culture teacher in the future. It is essentially a Navajo teacher 101 class in which educational assistants (EAs) work in a Navajo class with a Navajo teacher acting as their mentor. After the end of the 2 year commitment, EAs can sit for the 520-language assessment offered by the Navajo Nation to become certified to teach Navajo language. Mrs Phillips announced her excitement for this program and the potential for Navajo language in our area.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Announcements:

VII. Next Meeting Date and Location:

October 4 @ 6:00 pm on Zoom.

VIII. Adjournment:

IEC President, Carlotta Toledo, adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.