



CUBA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS JOHNSON O'MALLEY INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Regular Meeting
September 7, 2021
Zoom Conference Call
5:00 pm**

I. Call Meeting to order:

a. Welcome Address

JOM IEC President, Kari Toledo, called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm and welcomed everyone on the line.

b. Approval of agenda

JOM IEC President, Kari Toledo, called for a motion to approve the agenda for the current meeting. Member, Jewellyn Yazzie made a motion to approve the agenda. The call for vote was approved 3 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion to approve the agenda passed.

c. Approval of prior minutes

JOM IEC President, Kari Toledo, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the prior meeting, in June. Member, Jewellyn Yazzie made a motion to approve the prior minutes. The call for vote was approved 3 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion to approve the prior meeting minutes was passed.

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*



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requiring special assistance or services, such as a sign language interpreter, should call (575)-289-3211 at least three business days before the meeting.

There was no public comment from anyone on the line but this time was used for all callers to introduce themselves.

III. Reports

a. Start of School Update- Raphaelita Phillips

JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, gave an update on the school starting. She informed members and all on the line that Cuba Independent School District returned in-person and a majority of the students enrolled had decided to return in-person. However, she informed callers that parents and families had the choice of the mode of education to enroll their children in: students could choose to be in remote learning or could switch to another mode of learning, but only one change was allowed per semester. Parents and students must meet with their school principals to make the proper arrangements for setting up the mode of learning of their choice, otherwise it is assumed that they were returning to school in-person. Raphaelita Phillips also informed callers that teachers would continue to juggle in-person learning as well as remote learning, via Zoom, so students would feel like they are sitting in class, from home. She also reported that each school had hired many new Educational Assistants (EAs) to help in classrooms and help to ease some burden off the teachers. She also reported that a majority of these EAs were Native American after a request from students over the summer to see more teachers and personnel who “looked like them.”

Mrs Phillips also reported that many students were being provided with the means of technology to be able to work remotely. She informed callers that the school district is doing all they can to ensure that all issues were addressed in the case that schools would be shut down again and remote learning was the only option for learning. She informed them that the district had learned a lot about the needs of the students over the course of the pandemic and many different departments are working hard to ensure all needs are addressed and being met. Some items that the school district has helped families with during the pandemic include: solar panels, cellular service jetpacks, laptops and assistance for laptop repairs, meals while students are home, food for families, water for families, social/emotional support, motel stays for families in hard times, and much more.

IV. Old Business



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V. New Business

a. IEC member update

JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, updated callers on the need for a new IEC member and that the last recruiting effort had looked promising but did not pan out. IEC members agreed that recruiting efforts should continue to fill the vacant spot at either the high school or elementary level.

VI. Announcements:

JOM Manager, Raphaelita Phillips, announced that JOM had purchased tablets for IEC members to conduct JOM activities such as meetings, signing of timesheets, or reviewing documents. Those could be picked up at their earliest convenience.

VII. Next Meeting Date and Location:

October 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

VIII. Adjournment:

JOM IEC President, Kari Toledo, adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.