**Native American Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

**October 28, 2021**

Committee members present:

Jamie Calvert, Dr. Penny Hill, Deirdre Manning, Jared Adcock, Kendall Grisham, Delnita Jones, Sheila Martin, Ashton Issac, Quanta Spencer

The meeting began at 5:30 with a welcome by Jamie Calvert. Dr. Penny Hill discussed the purpose of the NA Ed Committee and offered a brief recap of the 20-21 school year. A summary is as follows:

* Tribal regalia was worn at high school graduation
* The NA tutor salary is the same as the salary of assistant teachers in the state of Mississippi and tutors receive the same benefits (i.e. State retirement, health insurance, etc.).
* The Impact Aide Application received the same funding as prior year ($659, 198.50). Dr. Hill reiterated that per federal guidelines, this money is to be used for all students, as the purpose of the grant is to recap tax money from untaxed federal land, based on the number of students (of any ethnicity) who reside on said federal land.
* The latest monies were used to purchase three new school buses, which are used for athletic events, other school activities, and the special education department.
* Data representing the number of Native Americans participating in extra-curricular activities and sports was presented, as well as the high school graduation of NA students.

Federal Programs Director Deirdre Manning discussed the requirement for by-laws for the NA Ed Committee and presented an overview of the Title VI- Indian Education Grant Program.

* This grant pays the salaries (and state benefits) of the three NA tutors
* Any monies left over after salaries (approximately $500) was used for supplies
* Discussed the fact that tutors may be utilized by all NA students, but priority may be given to students requiring extra support
* The suggested by-laws were accepted and the following people were chosen as committee officers:

Chairperson: Delnita Jones

Vice Chairperson: Sheila Martin

Secretary: Ashton Isaac

The meeting was adjourned, with plans for the next meeting to be held second semester.