

Andes Central Indian Education Committee Meeting

June 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Antelope-Stotz at 5:17 p.m. in the Andes Central Library.

Members present included: Mary Antelope-Stotz, Jenni Hart, and Tim Medicine Horn. Candace Dvorak, Tootie Loeffler and Dr. Cheryl Thaler were also in attendance.

Mary led the group in an opening prayer.

Tim moved and Jenni seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Dakota language discussion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Jenni moved and Tim seconded to approve the May 5, 2021, minutes. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

Candace gave her report. The group agreed that parents should help serve the feather ceremony meal. It was discussed that Mr. Holmes and the shop classes will make feather boxes next year. Mr. Lucas will help them. Five students went on the Unity Club trip.

Superintendent Thaler reported on start/end dates for summer school, dates for serving meals on-site, and meeting with Chairman Flying Hawk.

The committee decided to begin advertising for star quilts for the 2022 graduates. Quilts will need to be completed by April 1, 2022 so the group can inspect them prior to graduation.

It was suggested that the district pay for Dakota language classes for Candace and that Dakota language be part of the curriculum. Dr. Thaler will check on the district paying for Dakota language classes.

Dr. Thaler provide an update on the JOM budget, mentioning that no additional JOM funds have been received during the 2021-22 school year.

Next meeting date is July 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Items for the agenda include updated JOM budget and star quilts.

Motion by Jenni seconded by Tim to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Vote 3-0 in favor.