

PLEASANT POINT PASSAMAQUODDY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 14, 2021

Community via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alberta Newell, Chairperson,
Frank Cleaves, Vice-Chairperson,
Carol Taylor-Sprague, Theresa Sapiel, Holly Cleaves.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent,
Dan Morang, Principal,

1. Chairperson Newell calls the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.
2. Consideration of the minutes of the August 10, 2021 and August 16, 2021 meetings.
 - a. Motion by Mr. Cleaves, and seconded by Ms. Sapiel, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting. Voted unanimously.
 - b. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Mr. Cleaves, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting. Voted 4 in favor and 1 abstained.
3. We Care Programming Presentation by Dr. Tonemah.
Dr. Namin added the intention of the We Care Program, since Dr. Tonemah was not able to join as the emotional support services for the Sipayik Elementary School parents and students to address the impact of the Pandemic.
4. Motion by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves, to approve the Passamaquoddy Child Development Center Policy Council's nomination to approve the appointment of Superintendent Dr. Reza Namin as the Passamaquoddy Child Development Center Fiscal Director, without compensation, and using any appropriate and available funds if any to provide additional programming support in accordance with the Office of Head Start and all appropriate rules and regulations. Voted unanimously.
5. Sipayik Elementary School – Maine Indian Education – Vision 2025 (Exhibit A)
6. REPORTS:
PRINCIPAL'S. (Exhibit B)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S.

Dr. Namin expressed his thanks and appreciations for all the Members of the School Committee, Tribal Government, Members of the Community, Principal Morang, and Sipayik Elementary School Staff and Students for an outstanding Grand Opening Ceremony.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY/SCHOOL LIAISON'S.

Nina Clement reported the enrollment of the grades 9-12 students as 11 at Washington Academy, 16 at Calais High School, and 22 at Shead High School.

HEAD START PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

Jasmine Bassett, Passamaquoddy Child Care Program Director, reported that the enrollment age was reduced to 1.5 years old for Daycare to increase the enrollment from the existing 3 students. The Upcoming Passamaquoddy Child Development Center FA1 Program Review will take place remotely.

7. COMMUNITY COMMENTS.

There were some discussions regarding the transportation and the capabilities of the existing schedule of bus drivers.

Dr. Namin presented a beautiful basket with her initials on it to Ms. Carol Taylor-Sprague for her 15 years of dedication, service, and time as member of the Sipayik Elementary School Committee and Chair of Maine Indian Education Joint Committee. He also presented a gift to Mr. Frank Cleaves for his dedication, time and service as member of the Sipayik Elementary School Committee.

8. Motion by Mr. Cleaves, and seconded by Ms. Taylor-Sprague to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Reza Namin