

Chemawa Indian School
Parent Committee Meeting
March, 07 2018

<u>Members In Attendance:</u>	<u>Guests In Attendance</u>	<u>Staff In Attendance</u>
Amanda Johnson Michael Long Suzanne Romero Adrienne Shabi Jolene Soto Michelle West Valencia Yazzie	Dr. Champagne	Ryan Cox Pyahdonequah Austin Amanda Ward Lora Braucher Joel Chavez Shane Parlette

Call to Order:

- The 2nd Chemawa Indian School Parent Committee meeting (of the 2017/2018 school year), held in Salem, Oregon on March 7th. Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Assistant Principal Ryan Cox.

Roll Call:

- Members present – Amanda Johnson, Michael Long, Suzanne Romero, Adrienne Shabi, Michelle West, Jolene Soto
- Members Absent – Minnie Redfox, Charlotte Matthews, Michael Thompson

Introductions:

- All staff and Parent Committee members present introduced themselves. Ryan co-introduced Dr. Champagne.

Approval of Agenda:

- March 7th, 2018

Motion: Moved by Suzanne Romero to approve the agenda. Adrienne Shabi seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

- November 15th, 2017– Minutes were reviewed at the meeting and will be posted to the website.

Motion: Moved by to approve the previous Meeting Minutes.
Adrienne Shabi seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

New Business:

- **Western Oregon Service Unit**
 - **Dr Champagne (a pediatrician)** gave an overview of the clinic's offerings and how our students are serviced
 - Services include:**
 - Medical (Prevention, Medication, Lab, Treatment)
 - Dental (fillings, hygiene, extraction, referrals)
 - Mental (Behavioral Health)
 - Staff includes:**
 - 1 MD and 2 FNP 1 more MD starting in April, Optometrist, 2 Dentists, 4 dental assistants, 2 Dental Hygienists
 - Age of Consent discussed
 - 15 and above without consent
 - 14 and below- school is in loco parentis
 - Cultural/Spiritual healing discussed
 - Currently no plan in place because of the logistics of having a homogenous plan
 - Addressed health conscientiousness in the academic setting
 - Screening done at beginning of school year
 - Awareness and education for teachers of cultural propensities

Reports:

- **Academic –**
 - Amanda Ward discussed academic progress this far in the school year.
 - Update on NWEA – measures progress and growth only – not proficiency.
 - Gave handout describing national percentiles.
 - Discussed Math achievement and remedies including study groups and math lab. Currently at 40% proficiency
 - Reading Goals and proficiency – 50%
 - Update on ACT – How our scores stack up against other schools
 - ACT prep program (through Sylvan) increases scores by up to 16%
 - Plans in place to transition students for success:
 - AVID
 - College classes at Chemeketa
 - Willamette Promise
 - College courses AND credits taught by our teachers
 - Some vocational training programs are in place currently, more are being worked on.
 - Family and Consumer science position is being designed to teach vocational skills at Chemawa since state dollars are unavailable.

(Intermission)

- **Residential & Student Support Program –**
 - Joel Chavez gave an overview of the recreation program and the changes that have been made.
 - Joel talked about the disciplinary aspects such as transitions and the challenges that students face that cause them to need discipline.
 - Over 60 due process hearings this year.

- Solutions include “transitions” (community service), detention and expulsion
- One male dorm was closed due to diminished enrollment.
- Resources have been allocated to provide extra snacks in order to improve morale and motivate.
- Outbreak of head lice was contained – new processes developed to mitigate this risk
- Joel addressed concerns about decision making in terms of sending kids home

(Lunch Break)

Meeting Reconvened 1:09 PM

• Facilities –

- Shane Parlette introduced himself and detailed the student programs that he runs
- Students are held to maintaining grades
- The programs are run like a business in order to teach students the responsibilities of having a job and to be accountable.
 - Student Janitor Program
 - Facilities Program
 - Lifeguard Program
- New lights were installed in order to light up areas that were previously unlit.
 - Energy efficient
 - Facilitates student safety
- Water quality was discussed.
 - Unacceptable levels of copper in the water (according to EPA)
 - Facilities has added filtered water fountains to the academic building
 - Bottled water available free to students
 - Decision is being made to eliminate this issue once and for all. No ETA.
- Homeless population is being dealt with
 - Tree overgrowth was cut back (wood used for sweats)
 - Famous “Chemawa Tunnels” were plugged
- Heating Issues:
 - Shane explained why the ambient temperature is difficult to manage in both the academic and residential buildings
- There are improvements to be made over the summer made to half kitchen including
 - Ceiling
 - Lights
 - Paint
 - New dishwasher

• Superintendent –

- Lora Braucher expressed frustrations with the often slow moving processes for improvements
- She also expressed gratitude that some of the systems in place have finally come together
- Lora explained how as a team, staff and students alike work together to address concerns
- Leaders of ORBS convened to discuss best practices and compare notes
- Lora described how the reorganization at the federal level has affected staffing and budget
 - Changes are in the works that may allow us to address issues such as staffing
- Lora discussed student council
 - We have built a culture and structure of consistency.
 - Trips and other incentives given to encourage students to be involved
 - Both Ryan and Lora expressed how the support system is a necessary work in progress
- Lora addressed concerns with student activities and restrictions

- **Business Office -**
 - Rachenda “Rae” Reynosa handed out an explanation of funding and reported on budget status update.
 - Ryan and Rae explained our Title I funding
 - Rae went over the counseling process for Residential.

- **Open Discussion**
 - Ryan called an open discussion,
 - Staff and Committee members discussed different aspects of student life and staff interaction
 - Staff and Committee members discussed procedures and protocols.

- **Old Business**
 - Rochal discussed procedures for reimbursements

Adjournment -

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM