

Title VI Indian Education Parent Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

Agenda

- I. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 5:36pm
- II. Attendance:
 - a. Rebecca LaClaire, Chairperson, CMS parent
 - b. Brandon Lower, Vice-Chair, CMS parent
 - c. Deidre Mallow, CMS Teacher advisor
 - d. Stacey Moretti, Diversity & Inclusion Project Manager
- III. Discussion
 - a. Heritage Month Event Summary
 - i. Heritage Night Event at Independence HS: November 30, 2023
 1. Over 100 people attended.
 2. CMS social media team attended and created a video: <https://youtu.be/j41Rc3ScB4U>
 3. Committee would like to continue with event for next year and have it earlier in the month. Planning will start at the next meeting in April.
 - ii. Official Heritage Month Poster: poster printed and sent to each student at their school as well as given out at Independence event
 - iii. Poster contest
 1. Winners selected and presented with gifts in early December
 2. CMS social media attended both presentations
 3. Prints of posters will be ready next week and delivered
 4. Committee discussed announcing the poster contest winners at the Independence event in November.
 - iv. MNAA Pow Wow/Education Day
 1. 2 schools attended Education Day. Ms. LaClaire shared that around 300 students from the region attended (CMS, private, charter and home-schooled students).
 - b. Spring Events
 - i. College/Career Fair: discussed and committee determined funds would be better spent in provided students access to already existing events.
 - ii. Unity Conference, March 7-9, 2024 at Hilton Charlotte University Place. (<https://www.unitedtribesnc.org/conference>). Grant funds can pay for student registrations. MNAA can provide additional support if needed. Stacey will create a flyer and share with families.
 - iii. NCNAYO Conference, June 20-23, 2024 at UNC Pembroke. Grant funds can pay for student registrations. MNAA can provide additional support if needed. Flyer attached. General Info here: [NCNAYO 2024](#)
 - c. End of Year Celebration:

- i. discussed and committee determined funds would be better spent on providing end of year recognition to each student individually with special recognition for rising 6th and 9th graders and graduating seniors. Recognition being the tote bag with a book, cultural materials and/or other items to be determined. Additional items for graduating students.
 - ii. Committee agreed to revisit event planning annually and update or change as needed.
 - d. Budget
 - i. Remaining \$6,884.00
 - ii. Funds need to be encumbered/spent earlier this as Finance team will be closing the financial system in April to prepare for end of year closeout.
- IV. Announcements
 - a. MNAA is working on creating a Youth Council. More information to come.
 - b. MNAA upcoming events: Night at Dave & Busters in late February, Skating/Bowling Night in March. Event are communicated in MNAA newsletter, which is shared with DEI Office. Stacey will send to families via email once received.
- V. Additional Discussion Items
 - a. Committee discusses providing more cultural experiences for students: field trips, agricultural experiences, historical discussions with elders, etc.
 - b. Specific field trip opportunities: Town Creek Indian Mount in Mt. Gilead, Schiele Museum in Gastonia.
- VI. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 6:49pm

Attachment

Minutes recorded by Stacey Moretti