

Shawano School District
Regular Meeting: Title VI Parent Advisory Committee
Minutes

November 15, 2017
5:30 p.m.

LEA Coordinator: Kelley Strike Library - Shawano Community High School

Present: Megan Pyatskowit, Rachelle Poulos, Patti Meyers, Lynn Carroll, Megan Beauprey, Jan Gorecki, Sara Boucher, Shannon Neumann, Lucille Burr, Kelli Chelberg, Crystal Lepscier, Starlyn Tourtillott, Dayna Besaw, Nicole Bowman, Paula Fernandez, Jonathan Pyatskowit, Guy Reiter

Kelley Strike, LEA Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

1. Introductions - Each attendee shared his or her name and association with the group.
2. Review of role and purpose of PAC by Kelley Strike: Basic Requirements of PAC; LEA (School) Responsibilities; PAC Responsibilities; Objective of Title VI Grant.
3. Review of revised by-laws: Replacement of Title VII with Title VI; addition of signature line; addition of Community Members to Committee. Megan Pyatskowit moved to approve revisions. Paula Fernandez seconded. "Aye" motion carried.
4. Menominee Prayer given by Guy Reiter
5. Membership Elections
 - a. Paula Fernandez made the motion to approve all parent/guardians as members and change one teacher position to two teacher positions. Starlynn Tourtillott seconded. "Aye" motion carried.
 - b. Paula Fernandez made the motion to forgo secret ballot and conduct voice vote in her nomination of Starlyn Tourtillott as Chair. Megan Pyatskowit seconded. "Aye" motion carried and Starlyn Tourtillott is elected Chair.
 - c. Jonathan Pyatskowit nominated Megan Pyatskowit for Vice Chair. Paula Fernandez seconded and made a motion to forgo secret ballot and conduct voice vote. "Aye" motion carried and Megan Pyatskowit is elected Vice Chair.

- d. Megan Pyatskowitz nominated Sara Boucher for Secretary. Megan Beauprey seconded and made a motion to forgo secret ballot and conduct voice vote. Paula Fernandez seconded. “Aye” motion carried.

6. School Reports

- a. Hillcrest Primary School: Jan Gorecki shared that, at the recommendation of the PAC last school year, she and Patti Myers are facilitating social connections by being “lunch buddies”. Thus far, they have mingled in the cafeteria and will consider pulling small groups in the future. She reported that she and Patti are already witnessing the value of the interactions, even at the beginning stages of the initiative. They reported that they are getting to meet with more students through the lunch buddy program. Patti Meyers reiterated Jan Gorecki’s points.
- b. Olga Brener Intermediate School: Shannon Neumann spoke for herself and Rachele Poulos, sharing that they displayed a whiteboard with information about Title VI and contact information at Back to School Night in August. Neumann and Poulos gave 506 forms to teacher to give to parents of students who were identified as potentially qualifying as Native American but had not filled out the 506 form. A few forms have been returned as of Nov. 15. A basket of books relating to Native American history and culture were put in the teachers’ lounge for the teacher to take and use in their classrooms. A connection was made with the library aide, and she read two Native American books in the library for read aloud and also hung a poster in the library. Two framed prints of Native Americans are going to be hung in the library. A book study of Anton Treuer’s *Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians but Were Afraid to Ask* for teachers is currently ongoing with about 40 Brener teachers participating. Lucille Burr, 3rd grade teacher and book study leader (along with Carrie Ninham), shared that there have been great discussions coming out of the book study. Kelley Strike noted that Shawano Community Middle School is also reading that book for their book study, with Mary Kramer and Abby Schultz leading the group.
- c. Shawano Community Middle School: Lynn Carroll shared that her method of providing assistance has changed this year from pushing into classrooms to help students to now manning an Academic Retreat/Help Desk room. Any Title VI students can come in during classes or during study hall to get extra help, take tests in an alternate setting, study, or make social connections. She is seeing many students, and the students like the new method and are asking to come to her room. Her room can seat 20 students and has computers and Chromebooks available. The room is shared with two other staff members who provide similar services. In that room she is working with several students to create a language

board of translations between Menominee and English, and there are new Native American items in the school display case.

- d. Shawano Community High School: Mel Reopelle reported via written report as she is currently in New York with Title VI students. Three colleges have visited our school and she is in the process of contacting more colleges. Through Native Pathways, several students are on a field trip in New York to visit Columbia University and New York University. Her room is very busy, with many freshmen coming in. Erin Maulson, Dana Besaw, and Matthew Schwitzer will be our student representatives from the high school. Title VI provided several graphing calculators and ACT preparation materials for the Title VI program at the high school. ZAPS ACT preparation will also be provided in the Title VI room this year, so Native American students can choose to participate in either the all-school ZAPS or the Title VI ZAPS. David O'Connor will be coming in February to present to all district staff.

7. Committee Action: Megan Pyatskowit made a motion to create a Professional Development Committee, Communications Committee, and a Strategic Planning Committee. Paula Fernandez seconded. "Aye" motion carried.

- a. Professional Development Committee- Megan Pyatskowit (Chair), Paula Fernandez, Megan Beauprey, Lucille Burr, Guy Reiter
- b. Communications Committee - Crystal Lepscier (Chair), Dayna Besaw, Starlyn Tourtillott, (potentially Matthew Schwitzer and Erin Maulson)
- c. Strategic Planning Committee - Jonathan Pyatskowit (Chair), Nicole Bowman, Starlyn Tourtillott, Beth Waukau

8. Nicole Bowman made a motion to follow bylaws in setting agendas for the meeting. Crystal Lepscier seconded. "Aye" motion carried.

9. Set date for next meeting - The committee recommended the following date:

Meeting - January 8, 2018 - 5:15 p.m.

Guy Reiter made a motion to adjourn; Crystal Lepscier seconded. "Aye" motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.