

OKLAHOMA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION
Oklahoma State Capital
Second Floor, North Hall
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105
Wednesday April 10, 2013
10:00 AM

1. Call to order and roll call—10:00 a.m. Chairperson Parrish
2. Welcome Chairperson Parrish
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Acknowledgment and Recognition of Host –
 - C. Introduction of Guests
3. Discussion and possible action on OACIE Minutes of March 6, 2013
4. Discussion on current issues, goals, and updates for SDE Dr. Barresi, State Superintendent
5. Updates on Oklahoma Indian Education Dwight Pickering
6. Presentation on Literacy and the Native American Student Teri Brecheen, Executive Director, Literacy Team
7. Discussion and possible action on the following items related to Indian Education
 - A. Native American Language Certification Desa Dawson
 - B. Education Bills of the 2013 legislative session Tom Crimmins
 - C. Discussion on July 10th Meeting Creek Nation Chairperson Parrish
8. Adjournment Chairperson Parrish

Closing Comments/Announcements

Next meeting: July 10, 2013

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1. Call to order and roll call—10:15 a.m. Chairperson Parrish

Chair Parrish opened the meeting by explaining that there was not a quorum of members yet.

2. Welcome – Called to order at 11:30 a.m. Chairperson Parrish

A. Invocation - Mr. Jacob Tsofigh was asked to give the invocation to open the meeting.

B. Acknowledgment and Recognition of Host – Chair Parrish thanked the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education for sponsoring food and drinks for today's meeting.

C. Roll Call - Present - Greg Anderson, Tom Crimmins, Lucyann Harjo, Lori Hamilton, Lisa John, Dr. James King, Mary McCormick, Jim Parrish, Dwight Pickering, Dr. Joe Robinson. Absent – Esther Bell, Judy Davis, Gay Munsell, Paul Pinkerton, Jana Roth, Jack Shadwick, Gina Timberman.

C. Introduction of Guests – Ms. Caryn Record, Moore Public Schools, Rep. Lisa Billy, Sen. Josh Brecheen of Coalgate, and Justin

3. Discussion and possible action on OACIE Minutes of March 6, 2013

Chair Parrish handed out copies of the minutes and Mr. Pickering asked if everyone got email copies of the minutes and the response was affirmative. Mr. Tsofigh thanked Ms. John for the mention of the need to spell out acronyms in the minutes for the meeting in an email. Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Crimmins and seconded by Ms. Hamilton. Dr. Robinson asked about the mention of the members present in the last month minutes. Mr. Crimmins agreed to add that to his motion. Ms. McCormick mentioned that the last statement should include the signature of the Chair and the Recording Secretary. Mr. Pickering asked if the minutes need to be amended

4. Discussion on current issues, goals, and updates for SDE Dr. Barresi, State Superintendent

5. Updates on Oklahoma Indian Education - Dwight Pickering

Pickering gave recognition to Ms. Desa Dawson for her advocacy on the Native Language Certification process which was modified to allow for fluent tribal speakers to have access to public school classrooms. He mentioned that the State Department is working with Dr. Norma Neely to plan for an Indian Education Institute in October to address issues related to this area. Ms. McCormick asked if invitation would be given to the Council whether they attend or not and Mr. Pickering responded that this would occur. He mentioned that the State Department of Education is working on resources for the classroom with the help of the Oklahoma Classroom Resources Work Group and asked Ms. Harjo to update the Council on the work of this committee. She responded that the group has begun gathering resources from across the state with a focus on the Common Core State Standards. She stated that the Committee is not writing lesson plans but providing curriculum resources. She said the Committee will be having another meeting on April 26th or April 28th. Mr. Pickering mentioned that he will be working on support for American Indian gifted and talented students with the State Department in the near future. He stated his appreciation for Ms. Brecheen who is a part of his Department for presenting the information on literacy. Ms. John mentioned that optional material for the Land Run still needs to be provided for schools to provide additional

resources to be able to teach both sides of this issue. Ms. Harjo mentioned that the Curriculum Work Group is considering that topic as this point. Chair Parrish mentioned that in speaking with Ms. McCormick she has a contact at the Oklahoma Historical Society which could establish a partnership with the Council and that a person could present at the Council's next meeting. Mr. Pickering mentioned that a meeting might be scheduled at that facility in the future. Ms. John mentioned that the Council is scheduled to end in 2014. Chair Parrish stated that Ms. Hensley has met with Rep. Pittman to extend the legislation to support continuing the work of OACIE.

6. **Presentation on Literacy and the Native American Student - Teri Brecheen, Executive Director, Literacy Team**

See Item #1

7. **Discussion and possible action on the following items related to Indian Education** **Desa Dawson**

A. Native American Language Certification

Ms. Desa Dawson was invited to speak on the modification of the certification process for Native Languages that was approved by the Oklahoma State Board of Education. Ms. Dawson expressed her appreciation to the Council for the opportunity to address the body. She gave the background on the process of the Native Language Committee that developed the modified policy for Oklahoma. She gave an overview of how the rule for language certification would work after approval by the legislature. She said if they do not act on it before the end of the session it will become official after that. Ms. Dawson explained about the comments that were received which were overwhelmingly positive except one which applied to non-Federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma. She stated that this request could not be addressed because it would have been a change in the law and not policy. She said that about the middle of June the new rule should be enacted for the pathway to certification for tribal language. There are three components to become certified for individuals with an education degree.

1. Apply for certification from the tribe.
2. Apply for a background check.
3. Must create a portfolio for completion of certification to be reviewed by the State Department

For those who do not have an educational degree another component would be:

1. Must have a mentor to teach to become an adjunct
2. For the first two years, the applicant must complete 60 hours of professional development
3. Must re-certify every year

Tribes must explain the assessment process for certification to the State Department for its consideration. Teachers who are not already certified teachers can only teach that Native language. Ms. Hamilton asked if the mentor had to be at the same level which Ms. Dawson explained that this was the case. Ms. McCormick mentioned that her tribe has four individuals it is using in the Sac & Fox Language Program. Ms. Dawson stated that the tribe is already using a mentoring program requiring mentees to have 20 hours of language a week. The Tribe is now sponsoring a Sac & Fox language class as an elective in Shawnee schools. She said that Stroud schools are working to offer the language class next fall. Ms. McCormick stated that this would be so helpful to the tribes. Ms. John asked who to contact about getting credit for Native culture after seeing that type of class in Guymon schools for Hispanic students. Mr. Pickering said that he would get information to the Council. Ms. McCormick stated that Supt. Barresi mentioned that Indian culture should be taught in the classroom more effectively. Chair Parrish expressed appreciation to Ms. Dawson for her efforts and asked her to come back to the Council's next meeting in July to follow up on the Rules Process that should be in place.

B. Education Bills of the 2013 legislative session - Supt. Tom Crimmins

Chair Parrish asked Mr. Crimmins for an update on current legislative initiatives that are ongoing. Mr. Crimmins mentioned that he attended a meeting at the Cooperative Council of School Administrators to discuss pending legislation. He explained that this is part of his weekly routine during the legislative session to monitor bills that might impact education. He will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to work on legislation there. H.B. 1658 by Rep.

Denney is currently being considered which addresses the A to F reporting system for school districts. He stated that there is no input to the legislative process by districts and schools available at this time. Mr. Crimmins said that these bills are in response to the current system that is in place because of a lack of input by educators previously. The bill might return to use of the Annual Performance Index (API) which used a 1500 point grading system. He said the new system would incorporate letter grades into the process as well but based on the previous scoring system. Ms. John stated that when she met with Supt. Barresi she explained that the new format was meant to simplify the process but it was still not comparable to accepted grading processes. She stated that the new process was not very helpful to parents at the local level. Mr. Crimmins gave an overview of the Common Core State Standards which has come under recent protest. The legislature is still very supportive of CCSS in Oklahoma despite rising concern. He said that the cost of the implementation and assessment are of more immediate concern during this legislative session. He said a committee was formed to study the process of implementation and testing which would delay that process until the study is complete. Mr. Crimmins gave a review of the charter school legislation is being moved forward. S.B. 573 is currently being considered by the Legislature as well as H.B. 1660 by Rep. Denney that related to charter schools. H.B. 1660 has the component of a weight system which districts use to determine funding levels. Charter school students will be funded at a 1.33 weighted level as a part of this legislation. State aid is balanced out by mid-term adjustments to the funding formulas. Mr. Crimmins remarked that funding levels haven't changed this year just yet. He said there should be an increase of \$35 million but this would be offset by the reduced tax liabilities by State Question 766 which included intangible taxes that reduced funding levels by \$100 million for next year. Chair Parrish asked members to visit their legislators and ask about keeping funding for education.

C. Discussion on July 10th Meeting Creek Nation - Chairperson Parrish

Chair Parrish stated that the next meeting date is in conflict with the Vision 20/20 and asked if the membership would like to meet during the conference and reschedule the meeting. Ms. John mentioned the next meeting could be scheduled to meet at the Muscogee Nation Tribal College which would be Oct. 9, 2013. He mentioned that Mr. Crimmins is President of the National Council of Impacted Schools and asked if he would give a report at the next meeting. Ms. John asked for an update on a culture class for credit at our next meeting. Chair Parrish asked Dr. Robinson for an update on American Indian students at the Council's next meeting. Ms. McCormick mentioned that the speakers could become a panel at the next meeting. Dr. Robinson asked if the next meeting might start a little earlier.

8. Adjournment - Chairperson Parrish

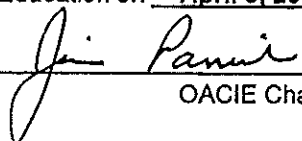
Closing Comments/Announcements

Ms. Harjo announced that the AISES has a competition each year and that the Norman American Indian Science Club won that competition. Dr. King announced that Muscogee Nation College would host graduation ceremonies on April 26, 2013 and that Mr. Pickering would be the Commencement speaker.

Dr. Robinson motioned to adjourn which as seconded by Ms. John. Motion approved by acclamation.

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Minutes were provided by Jacob Tsoitigh, Recording Secretary, for the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education on April 3, 2013 and approved on April 10, 2013.



OACIE Chairperson