

**JOM Meeting Minutes**

**August 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, 6:30 pm**

**Lucy Smith Center**

**1 Buffalo Drive McAlester, OK 74501**

**1. Call to Order**

Jacqueline Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm

**2. Roll Call**

Jacqueline Taylor conducted roll call. The following person were present: Jacqueline Taylor, Kimberly Alexander, Tim Cochran and Jennifer Watkins. The following person were absent: Tiffany Busby and Amanda Johnson.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Jennifer Watkins made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim Cochran seconded. All vote in favor, motion passed.

**4. Land Acknowledgement**

a) **The Choctaw Nation Reservation is part of the Caddo, Wichita, Pawnee and Arikara homeland. The Shawnee and Quapaw had settlements here in the 1700s are early 1800s. The Osage and Kiowa visited the area. The Quapaw ceded the land that is now the Choctaw Reservation through treaty to the United States before the US ceded it to the Choctaw Nation. Shortly after the Trail of Tears, the Chickasaw lived here among the Choctaw. Through this land acknowledgement, we would like to remember those who came before us and whose land we inhabit.**

**5. Approval of minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Tim Cochran made a motion to approve the minutes from March 13th, 2024. Jennifer Watkins seconded. All vote in favor, motion passed.

**6. Approval of Expenditures**

There was a charge that shouldn't have been on our account. The \$5,000 to amazon (PO #101) was for school supplies and should have been taken from the 561 account. We will also be getting a refund for the \$950 (PO #186) that was paid to the National JOM. Shane Haddock with JOM is going to be paying for the Parent Committee to go to the National JOM Banquet on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

So the correct expenditures encumbered with salaries \$14,733.27.

Tim Cochran made a motion to approve the expenditures with the changes. Jennifer Watkins seconded. All vote in favor, motion passed

## **7. Director's Report**

- a) McAlester Indian Education is the SE Region National Program of the Year. Our program will be recognized at the banquet on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They have invited Ethan Watkins to read the land acknowledgement. Ethan served as our Student Representative last year.
- b) Our current child count is 983 which has increased from last year.
- c) We had 536 students come and pick up supplies at our JOM Back to School Bash. We still have parents calling and requesting supplies.
- d) We will be having a Feather Application Night tonight 8/21 after our meeting.
- e) Summer enrichment went very well this summer. The students visited the First American's museum, Durant Cultural Center and other fun events.
- f) There are 3 parent board positions up for election for the 24 -25 school year.
  - Jennifer Watkins' child has graduated. She served as the Chair position.
  - Kimberly Alexander's term has expired. She served as the Secretary
  - Tiffany Busby's term has expired. She served as the Parent Member.
- g) The Parent Committee Board members roles and responsibilities are found in the "Indian Policies and Procedures" -See Attachment
- h) Child count for 24/25 school year was 957 resulting in allocated funds ion the amount of \$62,205

## **8. New Business**

- a) Kimberly Alexander makes a motion to approve the 24-25 by laws with no changes. Tim Cochran seconded. All vote, motions passes.
- b) Kimberly Alexander makes a motion to approve the dates for the Parent Committee meetings for the 24-25 school year. Jennifer Watkins seconded. All vote, motion passes.
  - August 21, 2024
  - September 18, 2024
  - November 13, 2024
  - January 22, 2025
  - March 12, 2025
  - May 14, 2025

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is set for September 18, 2024, at 6:30 pm. We will be having elections.

## **10. Adjournment**

Tim Cochran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Watkins seconded. All vote, motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm