

DSD Title VI Parent Meeting- 10/2/2024  
Douglas High School Library

Notes by: Katana Jackson, Elected Parent Title VI Secretary

Title VI Goals: A parent read the goals of Title VI: 1) Improve attendance, 2) Improve achievement, 3) Promote cultural awareness and identity, and 4) Improve reading and writing scores. Ms. Drysdale mentioned the goals were hanging on the Title VI office wall from 2019-2022, and will display the Title VI goals in the current Title VI office/classroom, as well.

(10.2.24 noted that this section may need updated)

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Elections on 9/20/2023: Parents elected the following: 1) Chair Person- Angel Lee, 2) Vice Chair Person- Randi Cottier, and 3) Secretary- Katana Jackson.

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In Attendance: John Sitting Holy (parent), Michael Curran (parent), April Iron Cloud (parent), Misty Hall (parent), Thomas M. Hall II (parent), Sherilee Pacheco, Randi Cottier (parent/Vice Chair), Sean Gholson (High School Vice Principal), Angel Lee (parent/Chair), Katana Jackson (parent/Secretary), Kadem Fisher (parent), Adele Dougherty (parent), John Dougherty (parent), Marlin Kingi (title vi Teacher)

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**Items discussed at tonight's meeting:**

10/4/2024 Humprey Long and his family and Terra Kingi (hoop dancer) will provide a cultural presentation at Vanderberg Elementary

Marlin Kingi is organizing High School American Indian students to read to 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders "Thunder Hair", by Jessie Taken Alive-Rencountre. This book discusses how Thunder is dealing with bullying at school because of his long hair.

--- Angel Lee stated her son has had 3 incidents with other children making fun of his long hair. Humprey Long states his grandson has encountered the same thing.

Marlin Kingi stated a 7<sup>th</sup> grade female American Indian student requested for the choir to sing a Lakota Lullaby by Tiana Spotted Thunder during their concert. Marlin has been trying to reach to Tiana. Katana Jackson will be at a conference with her next week and will pass the message.

Marlin Kingi will be having a Title VI booth at parent teach conferences next week to bring awareness to the committee but also to help obtain 506 forms.

**2024-2025 Graduation and Senior Feather Tying Ceremony:**

tentative dates: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Senior Feather Tying Ceremony  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 High School Graduation

\*10/4/2024: 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly senior information night: will make sure Senior Feather Tying Ceremony is discussed

\*Humphrey Long submitted National Depository application for feathers and plumes

***Title VI Float in Native American Parade***

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Adele Dougherty will take lead on organizing the event: Angel Lee and Randy Cottier will provide a monetary donation for event. Any one interested in helping; meet at 9am at Armadillo's Ice Cream parking lot. School will provide large sheets of paper for décor.

***Wellness Day*** to promote healthy and active choices and to experience the historical and cultural richness of the Black Hills

September 13<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Crazy Horse/Sheridan Lake

7<sup>th</sup> grade: Bear Butte/Bear Butte Lake

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Mt Rushmore/Horsethief Lake

\*event was a success. Angel Lee gave a brief summary of her tour/visit with 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Kadem Fisher shared his 6<sup>th</sup> grade son's experiences, which included asking if he can attend the University at Crazy Horse and how he could not believe how many students have never visited Crazy Horse.

***November 2024: Youth Liberation Summit in Rapid City hosted by Thunder Valley November 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>***

—Marlin Kingi will be taking 12-20 students to attend

***Title VI Business:***

\*needing approved Title VI grant to review at next meeting to understand grant goals: tabled: only had partial copy of Grant, therefore Angel will request the full copy for next meeting

\*Title VI Indian Parent Committee By-laws were available at meeting – tabled for this meeting, (again) requested everyone to review by-laws for updates for next meeting

\*Chair and Co-Chair are willing to remain in current position for 2024-2025 school year. Notice of Election: 2024-2025 Secretary Position: Elections for Secretary at 10/2/2024 meeting: had one applicant interested in the position, however did not meet By-Laws requirements. Therefore motion by Kadem Fisher for Katana Jackson to remain in position. Second by Adele Dougherty. Katana Jackson accepted.

\*Angel Lee has requested district data on American Indian students in the school district, so the committee can make data informed decisions.

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**Ongoing discussion items from 2023-2024 moving into 2024-2025:**

***Hand games/LNI:*** 2023 LNI, Margie took four students to watch Lakota Hand Games. Margie felt this opportunity is important in teaching culture but also teaching the students what reservation they are

from, their ancestry.

---possible Douglas Team entry for Hand Games at 2024 LNI

**Communications:** continue to send announcements through mass communication: text, call, email, social media

***Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings & Standards: ongoing discussion***

Angel (Chair) volunteered for in-kind services to train DSD teachers on these standards adopted by the State Board of Education Standards for August 2024 teach in-service. She was not contacted, but Marlin Kingi spoke on cultural diversity, but it was not mandated to attend

***Great Plains Tribal Leaders' Health Board: ongoing discussion***

9/19/24: Katana (Secretary) email Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board regarding coming to Nov 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss program/services families in Box Elder community are eligible for.

--notified Katana Jackson the program she was interested in bringing in to present, no longer exists, however another parent may have contact on a different program that can provide services to the Box Elder Community

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**PARENT CONCERNS:**

--Discussion on how those present received notification of the Title VI meeting and how parents noticed at orientation, there was no Title VI information or 506 forms

--Discussion on how it is communicated to parents on lineal descent

--Discussion on barriers and improving current system on how 506 forms are collected

Marlin found 30 more freshman who are American Indian but were not listed as so in the school system

--Discussion on hiring a Graduation Success Coach, everything can not fall on the Title VI- Marlin Kingi

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**Motion to Adjourn** meeting by Kadem Fisher

**Second by** Humprey Long

Meeting ends at 6.28pm

**Next meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month 530-630pm

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024