

School Board Coalition
Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2020
St. Peter Indian Mission School

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Serena Joaquin at 9:26 a.m. in the library at St. Peter Indian Mission School.

II. Invocation

Invocation was provided by Donovan Kyytan

III. Roll Call

Secretary Marcella Ortega conducted roll call; the results are as follows:

BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL- PRESENT
CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL- PRESENT
GILA CROSSING COMMUNITY SCHOOL- PRESENT
SACATON SCHOOL DISTRICT- PRESENT
ST. PETER INDIAN MISSION SCHOOL- PRESENT
MARICOPA CHRISTIAN VILLAGE SCHOOL- ABSENT

IV. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Sacaton School District motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of the St. Peter Indian Mission School Showcase as a presentation, motion seconded by Casa Blanca Community School, motion carried. (3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENSTIONS 1-ABSENT)

V. Presentation

- a. St. Peter Indian Mission School Showcase Marcella Ortega, School Board President
Opening of the newest addition to the school, opened after Christmas Break. The addition includes classrooms for grades Kindergarten to Third as well as a dedicated Science room. Students are working on their underwater robotics. The Gila River Fire Department was on site to fill the pool. Upcoming event is the Ira Hayes Parade; every year St. Peter parents and staff work in collaboration with the Ira Hayes Post to feed the Veterans and their families after the parade.

VI. Reports

- a. Governor's Education Summit Update Jeff Thornburg- TED
Mr. Thornburg gave a recap of the events that took place at Gila Crossing Community School. There were approximately 340 participants. The keynote speaker was a Native American astronaut, John Herrington. Mr. Thornburg noted that the event was successful. The floor was opened for comments and concerns.

Donavan Kyytan thanked TED for allowing Gila Crossing Community School to host this event. Some opinions that came from the elders were that the message that was delivered was geared more toward the kids. Serena Joaquin suggested that future summits should be broken down by grade. Another suggestion was to obtain donations of prizes for raffle for those educators who are non-Tribal.

After discussion it was suggested that a Committee be developed and start planning for next year. There was also the suggestion that Governor Lewis attend our next meeting to hear the ideas and concerns of the School Board Coalition.

- b. Early Childhood Coalition Jeff Thornburg- TED
 Set up with the intention to understand all services available for children ages 0-5 years. Goals will be set from the upcoming Visioning Session. Location for work session is set at Governance center, all schools are invited. Visioning session location and date information will be forthcoming.
Comments: keep in mind the kids with disabilities. Issue of shortage of qualified teachers. Attention and inclusion of F.A.C.E program. Eligibility, or lack thereof, of child for head start.
- c. K-12 Summer Bridge Program (8th- HS) Jeff Thornburg- TED
 Tentative information: location at Sacaton School, 2-week duration (in June), half focus on education and half on social/ emotional expectations, tours of future schools, note-taking tips, testing strategies. This will be treated as a pilot program.
Comments: include information on how to link up with JOM counselors, if available, goal-setting tips, help buffer the “Culture shock” that our kids experience and time management.

VII. Unfinished Business

◆ a. School Board Coalition By-Laws School Board Coalition

President Joaquin reviewed the status of the by-laws thus far, Blackwater Community School Board had requested to review the by-laws. Comment by Mr. Hill (GCCS) to leave “Invocation” on the agenda as opposed to “Moment of Silence”.

MOTION: Gila Crossing Community School motioned to approve the Gila River School Board Coalition By-Laws as amended, seconded by Blackwater Community School, motion carried. (5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS 1- ABSENT)

President Joaquin requested that amendment be made as well as the inclusion of a certification page with signatures of officers and a footer with the effective date of February 15, 2020.

◆ b. GRHC MOU School Board Coalition

MOTION: Sacaton School District motioned to table the Gila River Health Care MOU, was seconded by Casa Blanca Community School, motion carried. (5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS 1- ABSENT)

◆ c. SBC Meeting Attendance/ Excused Absences Issac Salcido- TED

Mr. Thornburg brought forth the information per Mr. Salcido there is no excuse for absences from School Board Coalition meetings. Request for TED to provide the annual calendar sooner in the year i.e., April/May, so that schools may plan accordingly.

◆ d. SBC E-mail Distribution List Update

Issac Salcido- TED

A sign-in sheet was circulated so that members could provide information, Secretary Ortega will work with Mr. Thornburg to obtain an updated contact list.

VIII. New Business

a. General Public Concerns

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Concerns circling the recent “lock-down” situations at schools led to a discussion of bringing in a member of the Office of Emergency Management to address concerns, protocols, and suggestions from the Coalition. Mr. Thornburg will invite Mr. Adam Sainz to a future meeting.

****MOTION:** Sacaton School District motioned to suspend the rules and add item “b. Letter to Governor” to New Business, seconded by Gila Crossing Community School, motion carried. (5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS 1- ABSENT)

b. **Letter to Governor

School Board Coalition

MOTION: Sacaton School District motioned for the School Board Coalition President to send an letter to Governor Lewis to attend the next meeting set for March 21, 2020 at Gila Crossing Community school, seconded by Gila Crossing Community School, motion carried. (5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS 1- ABSENT)

IX. Approval of Minutes

a. January 18, 2020

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MOTION: Casa Blanca Community School motioned to table the minutes for January 18, 2020, seconded by Sacaton School District, motion carried. (5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS 1- ABSENT)

X. Announcements

-Next Regular SBC Meetings

- March 21, 2020 @ 9a.m.- Gila Crossing Community School
- April 18, 2020 @ 9a.m.- Sacaton Elementary School
- May 16, 2020 @ 9a.m.- Tribal Education Department

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: Sacaton School District motioned to adjourn meeting at 11:55 a.m., seconded by Gila Crossing Community School, motion carried. (5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS 1- ABSENT)

- ◆ Denotes item tabled at 1-18-2020 meeting

Minutes prepared by: _____
 Marcella Ortega, School Board Coalition Secretary

Attested by: _____
Serena Joaquin, School Board Coalition President

Submitted on: June 20, 2020

Approved on: _____

Corrections made on: _____