

Barnsdall JOM Meeting

Monday – October 23, 2023

President Amber Price – present

Vice President Melissa Pearson – present

Secretary Holly Swan – present

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm.

Old Business

In October of 2022, the parent committee voted that parents must attend two meetings per year in order to qualify for reimbursement / assistance.

We ran out of school supplies at the junior high and high school. We will need to increase the amount of supplies purchased next year. There are eighty-one (81) students at the elementary and ninety (90) students at the junior high and high school.

As of May 18, 2023, our remaining balance was \$4,003.66. The school supplies, purchased in July of 2023, came from that amount. We are waiting for the 2024 award letter for this school year. Last year we received \$8,292.

Four students graduated in the spring, Class of 2023. They each received a \$100 Visa gift card and a queen-size fleece blanket with embroidery (\$63*4= \$252).

The Osage Nation Cultural Center brought traveling trunks, with various Osage items, to the high school on October 11, 2023. Ms. Marshall would like for them to bring the trunks to the elementary on March 11, 2023. We will ask the cultural center about that.

Tutor.com is available for Native American students who need tutoring assistance.

New Business

The committee voted to give embroidered fleece blankets and a \$100 Visa gift card to the JOM graduates, Class of 2024. Katelyn made the motion and Courtney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The graduation banquet is tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2024. We will ask Ah-Tha-Tse to cater. It will be held at the Activity building. Mrs. Legg will meet with the senior students and ask what kind of food they prefer.

The committee discussed school policy regarding Native graduates who want to wear tribal regalia to the commencement ceremony. We will ask for the school policy to include permission for those students to bead their cap and/or wear beaded jewelry or feathers.

Currently the school has not declined these requests but we would like for the permission to be in writing and official, for the future. The next school board meeting is November 6, 2023.

The committee discussed hosting a cultural cooking class for frybread or meat pies. The possible date is March 3, 2024, at the elementary in the kitchen. Krystal made a motion for this activity. Katelyn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Other discussions included a class for ribbon skirts and beading along with the possibility of a JOM princess and requirements for candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.