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Meeting Minutes February 18, 2014 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on February 18, 2014. The meeting was held at the Two Waters Building A, Lightning Room, 10061 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loring at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Joyce Helmuth, Michelle Jameson, Bella Miller, Chris Sekaquaptewa, and Lance Silverhorn.

Members Absent

Toni Harvier and Deana Washington

Invocation

Invocation was conducted by Member Silverhorn.

Call to the Public

There was no Call to the Public.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Helmuth moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 15, 2013. Council Member Jameson seconded the motion and it was approved 6-0 with Council Member McIntier abstaining due to absence.

2015 Funding Plan Review

Director Vinarskai provided an overview of the Funding Plan approval process and read a letter sent to the Council from the Board expressing their appreciation of the important work occurring in the region. Director Vinarskai reviewed the 2015 Funding Plan with the Regional Council and reminded them that the only change was the TEACH strategy which was reduced by 50%.

Financial and Narrative Reports

Director Vinarskai reviewed the Contract Detail Report and Parent Education Community-Based Training strategy Narrative Report with the Regional Council. She informed the Council that the First Things First Finance Department will be contacting the Food Security Program in regards to their low expenditure of 25%. Vice Chair McIntier informed the Council that the Parenting program will provide an opportunity for parents to obtain college credits for attending the parenting classes.

SFY2015 Funding Plan Parent Education Community-Based Training

Director Vinarskai informed the Council that the Parent Education Community-Based Training program has requested an increase for State Fiscal Year 2015. The increase would be \$1,200 for four professional training Parent Educators. In addition, \$2,131, for a cost of living increase for one full time Parent Educator. These



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Increases the Parent Education Community-Based Training strategy by \$3,331, changing the overall budget from \$98,315 to \$101,646. Member Jameson made a motion to increase the Parent Education Community-Based Training Strategy budget from \$98,315 to \$101,646 for State Fiscal Year 2015 and Council Member Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed 7-0.

Regional Director's Updates

- Met with President Enos regarding the Needs and Assets process and presented information to Tribal Council on January 29th. Beverly Russell also presented information on developing a data sharing agreement with the Tribe at the Tribal Council meeting.
- The Education Fair will take place on Thursday March 6 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Need to know if any Regional Council Members can oversee the First Things First table.
- Regional Forum will take place on March 27th at 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Two Waters Bldg. Akimel Conference room. Gila River Regional Partnership Council Members will also be attending, The forum provides an opportunity for FTF Board Members to be in the region and engage in discussion with Regional Council Members. Please send your ideas for meeting topics.
- We have 3 contracts that are up for renewal: 1) Food Program, 2) Parent Education Community-Based Training, 3) Summer Transition. These are 3 year contracts. Finance will send out the packets at the end of the month and we will be voting to renew them at our April meeting.
- There are five council seats that are ending; however, we hope that everyone reapplies. If you re-apply, you will go be asked to go through the interview process.
- The FTF Summit is taking place Aug 18-19 at the Phoenix Convention Center. The Administrative Assistant will send out an email about the Summit and will register you if you decide to attend. All costs are paid by First Things First.
- We will be rescheduling the Sub-Committee on behavioral support for the Summer Transition Program.
- Ron Ransom no longer works for the Community and submitted his resignation from the council.
- There will not be a meeting in March. The next meeting will take place in April where we will be voting on contract renewals.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

- Member Miller shared the concerns at Boys & Girls Club noticing the children are not prepared for kindergarten and welcomes any ideas to further ready them.
- Vice Chair McIntier informed everyone about the Parent Conference being held on March 19 and the Summer Transition to Kindergarten program starting June 2. In addition, she informed the Council that Eddie Basha III will be reading to a Kindergarten class on Friday, February 28.
- Member Helmuth announced the Family Health Care Wellness Night will be on March 28 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and stated that it would be a good venue to for the vendor to conduct interviews. She also stated that a First Things First table could be set up.

During the announcements a concern was brought up about the Needs and Assets vendor and their willingness to receive information about and attend Community events to conduct the Family and Community survey interviews. Director Vinarskai stated that she will ensure that concerns and questions about the Needs and Assets vendor will be directed to the Evaluation Department.



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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Loring at 12:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patty Morris, Administrative Assistant II

Approved by:

Virginia Loring, Chair